

ANNUAL REPORTS OF



**Town Officers
For the Year ending December 31, 2016**

AND

**School District Officers
For the Year ending June 30, 2016**

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Westmoreland did not have any flooding or bridge repairs in 2016, which made for a year that was relatively quiet.

Thanks to Chief Nelson's work in applying for grants, the town was able to purchase a new defibrillator at a very low cost to the town. There will be two more grants included in the Warrant for 2017. Great job!

We would like to thank Bill Chase for his role as our Emergency Management Director since 2009. Bill resigned from the position as of June 30, 2016 and we welcomed Tom Finnegan as the new Director. Bill and Bob Hamilton will stay on as Deputy Directors.

As of the printing of this report, the painting in the downstairs of the town hall will be finished. The tin ceilings were sandblasted to remove the layers of paint from over the years. Because a primer was never put on at the first painting, subsequent paintings peeled. There is now a base to hold the paint and the ceilings look beautiful. If you haven't seen them, we encourage you to stop in. Cracks in the plaster walls were repaired using a new technique and a fresh coat of paint completed the work. Plans for the future will include repairs to the second floor as time and money permits.

Financial records of the town are currently audited by locally elected auditors. As there has not been one done in many years, there will be an Article on the Warrant in 2017 to have an audit prepared by a public accountant licensed by the State of NH. The purpose of an audit is to review the financial records, accounts, business transactions, accounting practices and internal controls of the town to ensure the effective operation of the town and ensure compliance with administrative regulations of the State of New Hampshire. In preparing future budgets, it is our intention to add the needed money for a professional audit to be done every year.

Lastly, we would like to thank all of those who supported keeping our friends and neighbors at Maplewood Nursing Home in our community.

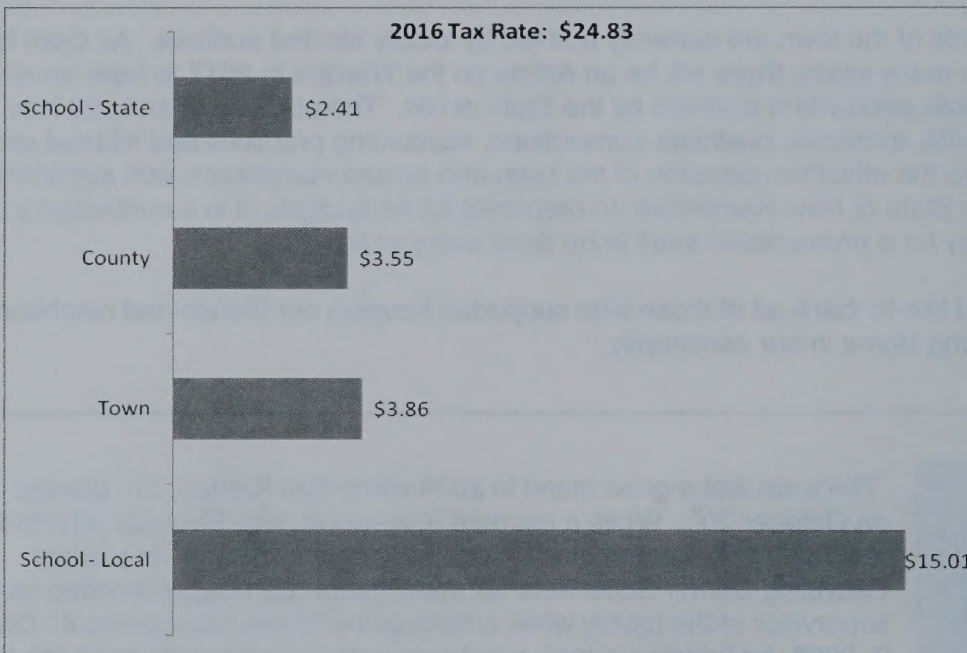
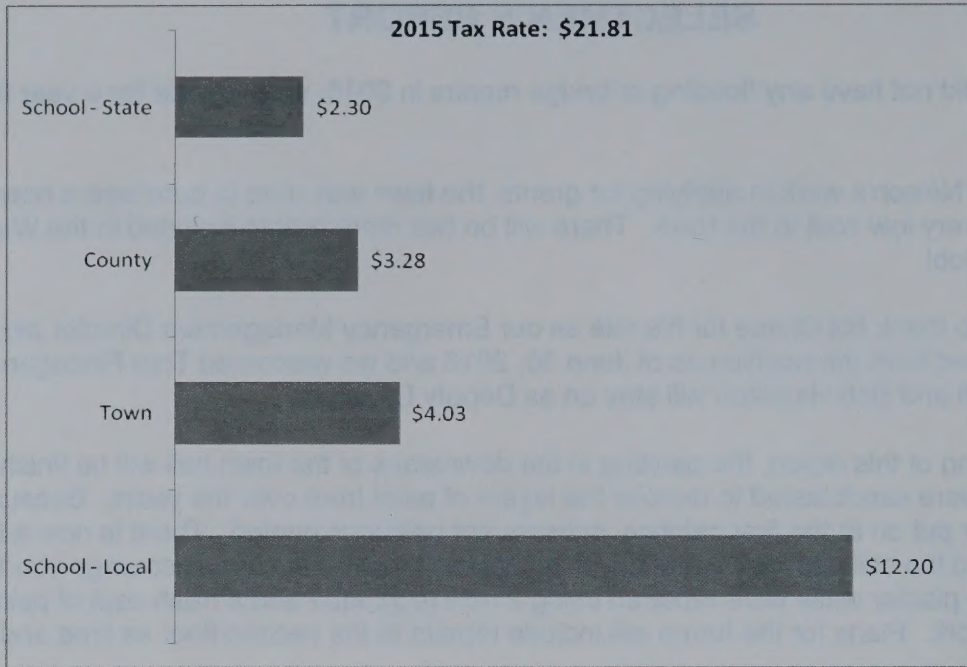


The town lost a good friend in 2016 when Earl Kathan, Sr., passed away on October 30th. While a resident of Newport, NH, Earl was adopted by the residents of Westmoreland as one of our own while serving as the Recycling Center Supervisor for many years. Earl began working as the supervisor of the facility while employed by Waste Management. On April 2, 2008, he became a town employee until his retirement on October 1, 2014.

Earl made the trip faithfully from Newport in the worst of our winter storms and was always willing to help those using the facility. He had a friendly smile and a New England personality that endeared him to all of us.

Rest in peace, good friend.

Selectmen Russ Austin, Jack Zeller and Clayton Stalker



If you would like to post something on the town's website 'Community Page', be added to a contact list to receive pertinent notices by email or if there is something you would like to see on our web site, please send an e-mail to townofwestmoreland@myfairpoint.net.

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TOWN OFFICIALS

SELECTMEN

Russ Austin, Jack Zeller, Clayton Stalker

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Jo Ann LaBarre

MODERATOR

Robert W. Moore, Jr.

TOWN CLERK

Cindi H. Adler

TREASURER

Jo Ann LaBarre

TAX COLLECTOR

Cindi H. Adler

CUSTODIAN

Reg Goodnow

AUDITORS

Nancy Zeller, Alison Fissette

ROAD AGENT

Gary Hudson

FIRE CHIEF

Harry Nelson

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Jayne Burnett

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Thomas Finnegan, Director

William Chase, Deputy Director

Robert Hamilton, Deputy Director

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

David Wirth

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Larry Muchmore

HEALTH OFFICER

Richard Paul

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Richard Paul

PERAMBULATION AGENT

Jim Ranson

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Ed Johnson

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Elaine Moore, *Sharon Riesenber, Patricia Patmos, Rachel Bartlett

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Patrick Baker, Tim Thompson

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Robert Moore, Robert Davis, Jo Ann LaBarre

TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY

Louise Slayton, TJ Kelly, Kathy Cox, Jan Hurley, Donna Cary

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Susan Finnegan, Richard Paul, Robert W. Moore, Jr., Russ Austin, Mike Acerno

PLANNING BOARD

Lauren Bressett, Bruce Smith, Jim Starkey, Dawn Lincoln,
Steve Houle, Mark Hayward, Clayton Stalker Alternate: Tim Thompson
Alternate: Alison Fissette Clerk – Elaine Moore

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Peter Remy, Brian Merry, Nancy Ranson, Russ Huntley, Barry Shonbeck,
Alternates – Bill Campbell, Ernie Perham Clerk – Jackie Cleary

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marshall Patmos, John Lukin, Richard Schmidt, Jim Ranson, Perry Sawyer,
April Ferguson, Mary Bradley Alternate: Selena Gallen

JOINT LOSS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Gary Hudson, Jo Ann LaBarre, David Poklemba

RECREATION COMMISSION

Susan Harris, Jason Simino, David Bressett, Mark Hayward, Jr., Lisa Huckins

PARK HILL MEETING HOUSE & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

John Harris, Hugh Shelley, Patti Seymour, Jan Hurley, Walter Carroll, Jan Carpenter

BRIGGS FUND COMMITTEE

Patrick Baker, Tim Thompson

WANTASKTIQUET REGION RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE

Westmoreland Members: *Richard Schmidt, *Donald Farquharson
Perry Sawyer, John Lukin

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMITTEE

Westmoreland Member: Robert Harcke

ADVISORY/SPECIAL COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

(Committees that are considered short-term and cease once their goal is met)

FIRE DEPARTMENT FACILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Harry Nelson, Graham Gitchell, Scott Talbot, Tom Finnegan,
Clyde Simino, Bill Campbell, Bob Bartlett, Wes Staples

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

THE POLLS WILL OPEN FROM 11:00AM TO 7:00PM

To the Inhabitants of the Town of WESTMORELAND in the County of CHESHIRE in said State qualified to vote in town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Westmoreland on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 11:00am, to act upon the following subjects:

- Article 1 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
Article 2 To see if the voters will approve Ordinance changes as proposed by the Planning Board.

Following the counting of ballots, the annual meeting will take place at 7:00pm on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at the Westmoreland School. The balance of the Articles will be acted on at that time.

- Article 3 To hear the reports of Agents and Auditors and take any action relative hereto.
- Article 4 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$1,195,968 for general town operations. The Selectmen recommend this Article. This Article does not include special or individual articles addressed separately. *Majority vote required.*
- *Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in the Bridge Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. *Majority vote required.*
- *Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$46,000 to purchase property adjacent to the Town Hall and to authorize the withdrawal of funds from the Municipal Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to take appropriate actions to facilitate said purchase. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. *Majority vote required.*
- *Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be placed in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. *Majority vote required.*
- *Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000 for the purpose of hiring a public accountant licensed by the State of NH under RSA 309-A:8 to conduct an audit of the accounts of any officer or agent handling funds of the Town of Westmoreland; furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of \$7,130 from the Audit Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose; with the balance of \$5,870 to be raised by taxation. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. *Majority vote required.*
- Article 9 To see if the Town will vote, if Article 8 passes, to discontinue the Audit Capital Reserve Fund created in 2012. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the town's general fund. *Majority vote required.*
- Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 for the purpose of painting the interior of the Westmoreland Public Library. \$3,500 will be funded by the Library Building Fund held by the Library Trustees with the remaining cost of \$3,500 to be raised by taxation. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. *Majority vote required.*

- Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 for the purpose of painting the interior of the Westmoreland Post Office. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. *Majority vote required.*
- Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,530 for the purpose of recoating the wood floors in the Town Hall. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. *Majority vote required.*
- *Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$64,780 for the purpose of purchasing hose, nozzles and equipment for the Fire & Rescue Department. The cost of the project will be partially funded by a grant of \$61,541 from FEMA. The remaining cost of \$3,239 represents the town share and will be raised by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purchases are completed or by 12/31/2022, whichever is sooner. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. *Majority vote required.*
- *Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,450 for the purpose of purchasing a Jaws of Life for the Fire & Rescue Department. The cost of the project will be partially funded by a grant of \$31,778 from FEMA. The remaining cost of \$1,672 represents the town share and will be raised by taxation. Excess funds, if approved by FEMA, will be spent to purchase accessories for the Jaws of Life. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purchases are completed or by 12/31/2022, whichever is sooner. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. *Majority vote required.*
- Article 15 To see what disposition the Town will vote to make of the income from the Jotham Lord Fund. This money (\$83) is included in the proposed operating budget. *Majority vote required.*
- Article 16 To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hand this 16th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen.

Board of Selectmen

Russ Austin, Chairman

Jack Zeller

Clayton R. Stalker, Jr.

*Special Article per RSA 32:3,VI (d) & RSA 32:7V

2017 BUDGET - EXPENSES

		Budget 2016	Actuals 2016	Selectmen Budget 2017	Budget Comm Budget 2017
01E · GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
4130	Executive	72,230	71,225	72,811	72,811
4140	Election & Registration	31,307	30,926	31,451	31,451
4150	Financial Administration	38,479	39,838	39,716	39,716
4153	Legal	5,000	1,935	3,500	3,500
4155	Personnel Administration	95,156	94,666	99,300	99,300
4191	Planning & Zoning	4,218	3,269	3,723	3,723
4194	General Gov't Building	13,442	12,476	13,444	13,444
4195	Cemeteries	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000
4196	Insurance not Allocated	12,909	9,331	13,930	13,930
02E · PUBLIC SAFETY					
4210	Police	1,000	0	500	500
4215	Ambulance	51,613	51,613	55,363	55,363
4220	Fire & Rescue	33,275	33,004	33,275	33,275
4240	Building Inspection	1,500	1,842	2,000	2,000
4290	Emergency Management	2,400	2,358	2,900	2,900
4299	Mutual Aid	21,460	21,460	21,460	21,460
03E · HIGHWAYS AND STREETS					
4311	Highway Administration	141,000	134,729	145,810	145,810
4312	Highways & Streets	455,922	455,825	463,575	463,575
4316	Street Lighting	3,500	3,406	3,500	3,500
04E · SANITATION					
4324	Solid Waste & Recycling	92,425	84,811	89,575	89,575
06E · HEALTH					
4411	Health Officer	240	200	240	240
4414	Animal Control	200	320	200	200
4415	Agencies & Services	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
07E · WELFARE					
4441	Welfare Officer	240	200	240	240
4442	Direct Assistance	4,760	1,850	4,760	4,760
08E · CULTURE AND RECREATION					
4520	Parks & Recreation	1,500	1,575	2,500	2,500
4550	Library	34,990	34,990	35,250	35,250
4583	Patriotic Purposes	250	234	275	275
09E · CONSERVATION					
4611	Commission	642	331	650	650
4619	Conservation Fund - LUCT	2,000	0	0	0
12E · DEBT SERVICE					
4711	Principal - Highway Truck	0	0	35,000	35,000
4721	Long-Term Interest	0	0	3,019	3,019
4723	Tan Interest	1	0	1	1
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET		\$1,139,659	\$1,110,411	\$1,195,968	\$1,195,968

	Budget 2016	Actuals 2016	Selectmen Budget 2017	Budget Comm Budget 2017
13E · CAPITAL OUTLAY				
4901 - LAND & IMPROVEMENTS				
Land Purchase	0	0	46,000	46,000
4902 - MACHINERY, VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT				
Highway Truck	185,000	170,000	0	0
4903 - BUILDINGS				
Town Hall paint/wall/ceiling repair	17,000	17,000	0	0
Town Hall floor finishing	0	0	3,530	3,530
Post Office interior painting	0	0	4,500	4,500
Library Interior painting	0	0	7,000	7,000
4909 - OTHER IMPROVEMENTS				
Fire Department Feasibility Study	8,000	8,000	0	0
Fire Dept - Defibrillator	40,000	30,814	0	0
Fire Dept - Misc. Equipment	0	0	64,780	64,780
Fire Dept - Jaws of Life	0	0	33,450	33,450
Audit	0	0	13,000	13,000
14E · INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT				
4915 · TRANSFER TO CAPITAL RESERVE				
Bridge Reconstruction	0	0	50,000	50,000
Highway Equipment	0	0	30,000	30,000
TOTAL WARRANT ARTICLES	\$250,000	\$225,814	\$252,260	\$252,260
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,389,659	\$1,336,225	\$1,448,228	\$1,448,228
LESS AMOUNT OF ESTIMATED REV	\$781,291		\$748,686	\$748,686
AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE RAISED	\$608,368		\$699,542	\$699,542
(Exclusive of School & County Taxes)				

	<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
Property Tax Increase/Decrease from 2016 Budget	\$91,174 14.99%	\$91,174 14.99%
Tax Rate Increase/Decrease	+ \$0.56	\$0.56
Tax Impact on \$200,000 home	+ \$111.00	\$111.00

Estimated Tax Impact for additions/deletions to the budget
(Local Assessed Valuation: \$163,433,982)

<u>Addition/Deletion</u>	<u>Tax Rate Impact</u>	<u>\$200,000 Home</u>
\$1,634.00	\$0.01	\$2
\$16,343.00	\$0.10	\$20
\$163,433.00	\$1.00	\$200

2017 BUDGET - REVENUE

		Estimated Revenue 2016	Actual Revenue 2016	Selectmen's Estimated Revenue 2017	Budget Comm Estimated Revenue 2017
	TAXES				
3120	Land Use Change Tax	8,000	5,460	2,500	2,500
3185	Yield Taxes	35,000	49,699	30,000	30,000
3187	Excavation Tax	1,400	1,420	1,400	1,400
3190	Interest & Penalties-Taxes	10,500	9,919	9,500	9,500
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES				
3210	Business Licenses & Permits	700	489	525	525
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	317,350	301,187	307,400	307,400
3230	Building Permits	1,500	1,842	2,000	2,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	11,700	12,779	12,000	12,000
	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
3319	F/R - Defibrillator	38,000	29,346	0	0
3319	F/R - Equipment	0	0	61,541	61,541
3319	F/R - Jaws of Life	0	0	31,778	31,778
	FROM STATE				
3352	Rooms & Meals	89,664	89,664	85,000	85,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	83,402	83,402	80,000	80,000
3356	Forest Land Reimbursement	9	9	10	10
3359	Forest Fire Reimbursement	400	419	300	300
3359	Statewide Checklist - HAVA	0	325	0	0
	FROM OTHER GOVT'S				
3379	Forest Fire Reimbursement	1,000	1,083	500	500
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
3401	Income from Departments	3,750	3,599	3,000	3,000
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
3502	Interest	1,000	2,194	2,000	2,000
3503	Rent of Property	5,700	5,900	6,250	6,250
3504	Fines & Forfeits	1,672	1,672	0	0
3506	Insurance Dividends	6,609	6,609	1,999	1,999
3508	Contributions & Donations	50	50	3,500	3,500
3509	History Sales & Misc. Copies	400	533	400	400
	INTERFUND TRANSFERS				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds:				
	Highway Equipment	40,000	40,000	0	0
	Municipal Land Purchase	0	0	46,000	46,000
	Audit	0	0	7,130	7,130
3916	Trust Funds	3,485	3,485	3,953	3,953
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
3934	Proceeds from Long-term notes	120,000	105,000	0	0
3939	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	0	0	50,000	50,000
	TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS	\$781,291	\$756,085	\$748,686	\$748,686

TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE

MARCH 8 & MARCH 9, 2016

The Annual Town Meeting (Elections) was called to order by Robert W. Moore, Jr., Moderator, on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 11:00 am with the readings of Article One and stating that we are also voting on Article 2 - the Ordinance Change of the Town Warrant and declaring the polls open. The remaining Articles are to be considered on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Westmoreland School during the Annual Town Meeting after a recess. Polls were declared closed at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 by Robert W. Moore, Jr., Moderator.

Moderator Robert W. Moore, Jr. called the Westmoreland Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:03 pm at the Westmoreland School on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, requesting that all Veterans present to stand and to lead us in Pledge of Allegiance, which they proudly did. He then began the meeting by declaring the winners in the ballot votes of Articles One and Two marked by * below), stating that the Ordinance Change passed as well:

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

The results of balloting were as follows - Miscellaneous indicates number of single write-in votes. (Total ballots cast were 335 of the registered 1243 voters = 26%.):

MODERATOR - for two years

Robert W. Moore, Jr.	306*
Misc.	3

SELECTBOARD MEMBER - for three years

Elaine M Moore	95
Ernest L Perham	68
Clay Stalker	172*

TOWN CLERK- for one year

Cindi H. Adler	319*
Misc.	3

TREASURER - for one year

Jo Ann LaBarre	315*
Kathryn DeFreitas	3
Misc.	2

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER - for three years

Mark Edgington	77
Richard Paul	213*
Timothy Thompson	10
Raymond Risley	2

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS MEMBER - for three years

Timothy Thompson	295*
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TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS MEMBER - for one year

William Campbell	4*
Bob Moore	3
Richard Paul	3
Gary Gray	2
Elaine Moore	2
Clay Stalker	2
Misc.	10

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE - for one year

Scott Fifield	119
Richard Paul	193*

CEMETERY TRUSTEE MEMBER - for three years

Robert E Davis	294*
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AUDITOR - for 2 years

Nancy Zeller	287*
Kathryn DeFreitas	3
Misc.	3

TAX COLLECTOR - for one year

Cindi H. Adler	317*
Misc.	3

BRIGGS FUND COMMITTEE MEMBERS - for one year - vote for two

Patrick Baker	261*
Timothy Thompson	293*
Gary Gray	3
Misc.	3

TRUSTEE OF THE LIBRARY MEMBER - for 3 years

Louise Slayton	299*
Ann Kotfila	4

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST - for six years

Pati Patmos	297*
Elaine Moore	1

ARTICLE TWO: To see if the voters will approve Ordinance changes proposed by the Planning Board.

Town Ordinances

305.1 B Special Exceptions. The Board of Adjustment may, in appropriate cases, and subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards as determined by the Board, grant a permit for a Special Exception. All Special Exceptions shall be made in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinance. The Board, in acting on an application for a Special Exception must find that the proposed use meets the following conditions:

1. The specific site is an appropriate location for such use.
2. Such approval would not reduce the value of any property within the district, or otherwise be injurious, obnoxious, or offensive to the neighborhood.
3. There will be no nuisance or hazard to vehicles or pedestrians.
4. Adequate and appropriate facilities will be provided for the proper operation of the proposed use.
5. The board shall consider the recommendation of the Planning Board.

Article Two Ordinance Amendment Passes with Majority Ballot Vote YES 230 NO 81

ARTICLE 3: To hear the reports of Agents and Auditors and take any action relative thereto.

Article moved by Russ Austin and seconded by Scott Talbot.

No Discussion.

ARTICLE 3 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

*ARTICLE 4: Passage of this vote shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$185,000.) for the purpose of purchasing a 6-wheel highway truck with an all-season body and plows, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$120,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of \$40,000 from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose with the balance of \$25,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this Article. The Budget Committee does not recommend this Article. Two-thirds (2/3) ballot vote required.

Motion moved by Marius Hauri and seconded by Scott Talbot.

Bruce Clement requested the Select board and the Budget Committee each speak on this Article. Jack Zeller spoke to Article stating that Select board is in favor of the Article as they had looked at the truck to be replaced and it was clearly clapped out and rusting out. The hydraulic piston had blown through the dump body. It has 181,000 miles and 12,300 hours on it. The Select board would rather spend the money taking care of the roads than fixing the equipment. They would be replacing with a truck like it. The '02 truck used the plow from the '94, but is set up differently now so will need new plow. The next truck in line is about 2 years out, so instead of buying 2 in one year, we thought get one now and then the other. The Townspeople demand that the trucks be out in the snowstorms and overtime maintaining the roads, that is why so many miles on the truck, to satisfy the Townspeople's demands. This is the highest cost truck as they will not go over, that's is why we asked for the high end figure. Russ Austin spoke stating that on the bottom half of page 9 in the Annual Report, it shows the financing of the truck only where the Select board has the only disagreement with the Budget Committee. It shows that the Town portion of taxes will still be down from last year, even with the passage of the truck. If we don't pass this truck this year, the Highway Department and Select board will be right back next year with the same request. Wes Staples spoke for the Budget Committee, stating that they had called the Road Agent, Gary Hudson, to come in to talk with them regarding the truck, and he did not come in. Their question is to as why the Highway Department needs 3 large trucks and a 1-ton truck, when they only have 3 employees on the Highway crew and 1 truck sits in the shop day after day, not used. It is a waste of money to replace the truck. They have the grader and loader they can also use, and do use, in some of the storms. The salt is spread so thick on the roads, it is a waste. Wes said if he had a broom and bucket, he could have swept at least a ton back up off River Road alone in one storm. Used to have 2 wheel drives, now all are 4 wheel drives and there is no need to be plowing 1/4 inch of snow. Bob Moore spoke for the Budget Committee as well stating that they could be using the 550 that they could use on some of the roads instead of the larger trucks and it would save a lot of money. Gary Hudson, Road Agent then spoke, and Richard Paul asked him why they needed 3 full size trucks and a the 1-ton, to which Gary replied that in 2009, they had one large truck that burned up in the shop, and one bad 1-ton. They essentially had 1 large truck to salt and sand and the grader, which does not have a sander on it. We tend to get more ice than snow lately. We could buy another 550, but we are not going to get the roads open with it. Bruce Clement asked that the interest rate on the bond would be, an estimate at least. Russ stated that they hadn't checked lately, but they would shop around to get the best possible. 3 years ago it was 2%.

Polls for Ballot Vote opened at 7:27pm. Closed polls at 8:27 pm.

ARTICLE 4 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY BALLOT VOTE --- YES 72 NO 27.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$1,139,659 for general town operations. The Selectmen recommend this Article. This Article does not include special or individual articles addressed separately. Majority vote required.

Motion moved by Jack Zeller and seconded by Scott Talbot.

No Discussion.

ARTICLE 5 - VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000) for the purpose of completing the repair and painting of the first floor ceilings and walls in the Town Hall. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend this Article. Majority vote required.

Motion to move by Wesley Staples and seconded by Scott Talbot.

Moderator Bob Moore stated that this will be for the Selectman's Office and Kitchen walls and ceiling.

ARTICLE 6 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to do a feasibility study(s) on the needs and future plans of the Fire Department's physical plant (station). Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. Majority vote required.

Article 7 moved by Scott Talbot and seconded by Tom Finnegan.

Scott Talbot spoke to the Article stating that a committee was started in 2014 to start looking at the needs because of the size, the electrical fire hazards, etc. The Committee then went to the Select Board in the early spring of 2015. The committee had gone to some of the new fire stations around such as Spofford and a few others to come up with the pros and cons and what this Department needs. There has been nothing budgeted toward a new building, so the Committee took their findings to the Select board. Ingram did a preliminary study for the Department and found what was needed is to rewire, a wash station for waste, bathrooms, etc. The Board contacted other Towns, such as Swanzey, and found that a Feasibility Study, where there would be an eyeprint of what should be put together so as to determine size, footprint, repairs, etc. Of what this Town needs. If the Department does move forward, it would be put on the same footprint of what is now there. This study would give us structural estimates, etc. In the Summer of 2016, we had a tour and recommended that everyone come see the Firehouse and see just what they have. Jack Zeller stated that representatives from the Fire and Rescue Departments came to the Board and asked for \$6,000, but the Board raised it to \$8,000, stating that such studies are industry driven, and would need the extra. When this Town buys a Fire Truck, the Town has to pay more because it needs to be shorter and lower than the standard in order to fit through the doors and into the bay. The Town will need to survey to see what the Town owns for space in order to increase the size of the house. All Towns have deficiencies and we will need to address these deficiencies and find the true needs of our Town with this study. Jeannette Hubert asked if there has been any effort to find any engineers in Town for pro bono help and possible assistance in and for this study. Graham Gitchell spoke for the Article stating that yes, Ingram Construction had helped us put this together thus far, but this is a big undertaking and the State Fire Marshall requires and many explicit needs require expert opinion. This study would address our current deficiencies, needs of the future, and we need to make sure it is all done correctly. Malia Boaz asked what had brought this all about, didn't we just put a brand new roof on the current building? Graham responded that there are structural and safety issues, and there is not room for all the growth for the Department and their needs, they will need meet higher standards to maintain equipment and all. This is not a single event, they are just going through the process of finding out what is needed to maintain this facility. Richard Paul asked if this Feasibility Study could include the Town Offices as well. We need a Town Wide Feasibility Study with a Long Range Plan which needs to involve members of the community, not just one group. Graham Gitchell says this request is not coming from the Fire Department, and they are not asking for anything yet. The present station is not meeting the needs of the Town. It was built in 1956. Trucks have to be custom built for us as the doors are too short and the station is too short. This is coming from The Select Board. They are requesting this as the first step and are looking for outside expert opinions. Jack Zeller again stated that these studies are industry driven, They need to know the codes, etc. The fire department works hard at what they do and they do a great job. They are required to have a work-out room. They won't get that but they do need an efficient fire department. Lauren Bressett asked if we could broaden the study to include the future needs of all of the

Town offices. Richard Paul stated that we should work with the environment and have a building that combines Fire/Highway/Library and Town Offices with shared facilities and maybe we should raise the money up to \$10,000 to include them.

Lauren Bressett asked if she could amend the Article to include all of the Town. Moderator, Bob Moore stated that, no, it is specifically written for the purpose for Fire and Rescue, we can amend with a Motion, but cannot change the purpose of the Article. Jack Zeller stated that the Fire Department is important enough to remain separate. This is a Fire Department driven request.

ARTICLE 7 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

At this point in the meeting, Polls were closed on Article 4 and as checklists were balanced and ballots were counted, Russ Austin had a few announcements.

First of all Our Fire Warden, Ed Johnson, would like the Townspeople to know that this Town can NOT get a fire permit on line, as some are led to believe. One must contact him, or one of the others listed to receive a fire permit.

Second of all, The Select Board wanted to thank June Hammond for her past six years of service as she ends this term of Select person. And with that was presented a bouquet of flowers from the Board.

Results of Article 4 were then read and are noted in Article 4 above.

*ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty four thousand six hundred and eighty dollars (\$64,680) for the purpose of purchasing hose, nozzles and equipment for the Fire & Rescue Department. The cost of the project will be partially funded by a grant of sixty one thousand four hundred forty six dollars (\$61,446) from FEMA. The remaining cost of three thousand two hundred thirty-four dollars (\$3,234) represents the town share and will be raised by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purchases are completed or by 12/31/2021, whichever is sooner. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. Majority vote required.

Motion moved by Harry Nelson and seconded by Russ Austin.

Malia Boaz stated that FEMA money isn't "free money". It comes out of our pockets.

Jeanette Hubert asked how old the hoses the Town has now are. Harry Nelson stated that some of the hoses are 50 years old. They don't put the hoses on the trucks wet, and they have no spare hoses. Jeanette asked how often do they go out that they need the hoses. She wasn't really able to tell from his report in the Town Report. Harry said they had one building fire in 2015. Malia Boaz asked if some of the money from the grant will be used for the overview study. Harry said no, that they were applying for a specific purpose grant. They won't hear until June or July, but the grant MUST be used for that specific request. They will have until 2021 to use it once it has been granted. Once it is appropriated, we must use the money for that purpose within 1 year from that time. James Clark stated he didn't understand the pettiness for \$3,400. The Fire Department applied for \$126,000 in Grant money last year for the Fire Department. If we do not receive the grant, we do not get the hoses and nozzles this year.

ARTICLE 8 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

*ARTICLE 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of purchasing a defibrillator for the Fire & Rescue Department. The cost of the project will be partially funded by a grant of thirty eight thousand dollars (\$38,000) from FEMA. The remaining cost of two thousand (\$2,000) represents the town share and will be raised by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purchases are completed or by 12/31/2021, whichever is sooner. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. Majority vote required.

Motion moved by Scott Talbot and Seconded by Robert Bartlett.

Jeanette Hubert asked if we already have one now.

Graham Gitchell stated that the one the Department has was purchased used in 1998, and it has been upgraded as many times as it possibly can be. It is no longer serviceable. The calls we respond to are approximately 75-80% medical, and we use this apparatus each time. It is our most used piece of equipment. Graham went on to say that we are contracted with Keene Fire Department Ambulance for transport but in the extra 7-8 minutes in which they can respond, if cardiac help is needed, we are able to help. We have Automated External Defibrillators at the school, Town Hall and Fire Department on the Truck, but these don't give us all the capabilities of the one we are requesting the grant for. This machine does so much more. Aside from Maplewood, we had 3 cardiac arrest victims that probably would not have been with us today, had we not had this equipment. Malia Boaz asked that the speakers stop stating this is free money, as it all comes out of our pockets for FEMA from our Federal Taxes paid.

ARTICLE 9 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 10: To see what disposition the Town will vote to make of the income from the Jotham Lord Fund. This money (\$74.) is included in the proposed operating budget. Majority vote required.

Motion moved by Scott Talbot and seconded by Donald Hall.

Motion was moved by Katherine Cox to again give the funds to the Town Library which was seconded by Ellen Clement.

ARTICLE 10 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the 2002 Int'l used by the Highway Department. This article is contingent on the passing of Article 4 and any proceeds received from this sale will go into the Town's general fund. Majority vote required.

Article was moved by Scott Talbot and seconded by Elaine Moore.

Russ Austin spoke to the Article stating that the last time when we sold the old one ton, the townspeople did not like the way the Selectmen disposed of it. This time we will do it properly by advertising the truck properly for bids.

ARTICLE 11 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to adopt and modify the provisions of RSA 72:28 for an optional veteran's tax credit. The optional veteran's tax credit will be \$150 rather than the previously adopted veteran's credit of \$100. The credit's change in the amount shall take effect on April 1 in the year following adoption. Majority vote required.

Motion was moved by Scott Talbot and seconded by Elaine Moore.

Russ Austin stated that in 1990, the Town increased the amount from \$50 to \$100, and now some Townspeople have requested it be increased to \$150. We have 65 veterans that receive this credit now.

Marshall Patmos AMENDED the Article to read to increase the amount to \$200. (and not just because he is a veteran), stating that the Disabled Veteran Credit is \$1400. Amendment seconded by Scott Talbot.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 12 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDED ARTICLE 12 NOW READS: To see if the Town will vote to adopt and modify the provisions of RSA 72:28 for an optional veteran's tax credit. The optional veteran's tax credit will be \$200 rather than the previously adopted veteran's credit of \$100. The credit's change in the amount shall take effect on April 1 in the year following adoption. Majority vote required.

AMENDED ARTICLE 12 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize indefinitely, until rescinded, the Board of Selectmen to rent or lease municipal property for a term of up to five (5) years without a further vote or retribution of the town as provided in RSA 41:11-a. Majority vote required.

Motion to move by Scott Talbot and seconded by Jack Zeller.

Russ Austin spoke to the Article stating that the Article is here because the Board had not been doing this quite right. The Town rents a portion of the Town Hall to the Post Office. Without this passing, the rent is 1 year at a time. The Post Office wants a 5-year contract. They pay their own heating and phone/internet. The present contract with them ends August 15. When they started renting it was \$2200. The 5 year contract will be for \$5000-\$5500.

ARTICLE 13 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to authorize indefinitely, until rescinded, the Board of Selectmen to establish or amend fees as provided in RSA 41:9-a. Majority vote required.

Motion was moved by Scott Talbot and seconded by Wes Staples.

Russ Austin stated that this Article was like the other one, but different. Jack Zeller said it was to establish dumping fees for waste/trash/metal, etc., so there are set fees. It also allows the Selectmen to set fees for Dump Stickers and the like.

ARTICLE 14 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

**ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to have the upstairs of the Town Hall become the Town's Historical Museum for the Park Hill Meeting House and Historical Society.

Motion Moved by Scott Talbot and Seconded by Susan Finnegan.

Ernie Perham spoke against the Article stating that he can understand wanting this Museum, but the Town Hall is not the place for it as the Town Hall does not have an elevator for the handicapped, and the upstairs of the Town Hall would not be able to be rented for parties, etc. Nancy Sandahl had a signature quilt displayed made in the years 1928-29 by ladies of the Town which is ready to be displayed in the museum along with many other articles that have been handmade in Town by local craftsmen or have been donated. Along with the quilt, there is a Spinning wheel, an old press cooker, a handmade wooden bookcase, a 1890 wall map, pictures and scrapbooks, and many other items which should be displayed for all to see and enjoy and learn of our past here. The upstairs is only actually used 2-3 times a year, and the downstairs can still be used. When it is used for parties, the stairs and walls get gouged and scraped with persons carrying tables and chairs up and down for their event. If approved, we can get a grant for an elevator or chair climber. This is the Town Hall's 100th birthday and we will be having a birthday party on October 8...wouldn't it be great to have the museum ready for it? The Historical Society would like to have the museum open from April through October, so heat will not be an issue. It is close by so that the school children would be able to visit and learn of the Town's history. Their Principal, Mark Hayward is very much looking forward to utilizing it. Jeannette Hebert asked how much insurance would increase. Nancy stated that the Historical Society holds an Umbrella Clause Insurance. Malia Boaz asked if it would be open when the Town Offices are open. Elaine Moore stated that she was opposed to it. Russ Austin stated that he thought they were putting the cart before the horse and at the present time, he is opposed to it. John Lukin asked why not use the Little Red School House or the Park Hill Meeting House for the museum. Nancy stated that neither place has gas or electric heat and the wood heat will ruin too many of the old items, including the quilt that has been well preserved all these years. June Hammond stated that the Town Hall is for renting and they need to use another place.

ARTICLE 15 IS DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 16: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Ernie Perham stated that the Monument in the common for our Veterans from WWI and WWII is in need of repair, and that the veterans from the Revolutionary and Civil War are missing. We should do a study for our Veterans and erect a Monument inclusive of all the wars and the veterans from them. Elaine Moore stated that all Veterans need to be recognized from Desert Storm, Viet Nam and all of the wars. The Memorials are more for the families, but are very important to the families.

Moderator Bob Moore stated that with all that has been going on in the news with our country and the world, the Town Meeting is about the Last Place you can still attend to have your say and be heard. Everyone should attend and bring their children. Hopefully we can keep these alive.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm by motion from Carrie Staples and second by Donald Hall.

VOICE VOTE TO THE AFFIRMATIVE.

Unapproved Minutes. To be approved at the next Annual Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindi H. Adler
Westmoreland Town Clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT - BALANCE SHEET

For the Year Ending December 31, 2016

Assets

Cash in Hand of Treasurer		\$1,506,860.85
Cash Conservation Fund		71,068.14
Cash Capital Reserve Funds		128,458.91
Unredeemed Taxes:	Levy of 2015	25,417.26
	Prior	22,557.90
Uncollected Taxes:	Property Taxes - 2016	223,533.28
	Timber Tax - 2016	15,053.42
Tax Deferral - Elderly/Disabled		12,311.19
Tax Deeded Property - for resale		16,031.26
Less Allowance for Refunds & Abatements		(11,114.84)
Amt needed to pay long-term debt		105,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS		\$2,115,177.37

Liabilities & Fund Equity

Liabilities:

School Tax payable		\$1,421,305.00
Special Revenue Fund	Conservation Fund	71,068.14
Reserved Funds:	Cemetery Stone Repair	1,506.25
	F/R Feasibility Study	4,800.00
	Highway Truck	68,112.00
	Town Hall Painting/Ceilings	17,000.00
	Total Reserved Funds:	91,418.25
Capital Reserve Funds:	Bridge Reconstruction (2002)	875.56
	Fire Equipment (1982)	41,169.50
	Highway Equipment (1982)	492.71
	Municipal Land Purchase (2006)	75,025.64
	Town Hall Clock (2009)	3,083.29
	Financial Audit (2012)	7,130.98
	Recreation (1975)	681.23
	Total Capital Reserve Funds:	128,458.91
Bonds Payable:	Timber Tax	3,571.73
Other Payables:	Cultural Arts Donaiton	2,034.42
Long-term notes payable:		105,000.00

FUND EQUITY

Reserve for Tax Deeded Property		16,031.26
Unassigned Fund Balance: 2016	28,245.14	
Unassigned Fund Balance: Prior	248,044.52	
Total Fund Balance:		276,289.66
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITIES		\$2,115,177.37

INVENTORY VALUATION

Residential Land	2,911.64 Acres	43,808,300
Current Use Land	18,719.10 Acres	1,695,882
Commercial Land	347.69 Acres	5,292,300
Residential Building		101,687,700
Commercial Buildings		8,551,600
Manufactured Buildings		434,100
Public Utilities		2,039,100
NET VALUE PRIOR TO EXEMPTIONS		163,508,982
Exemptions to Value		75,000
NET VALUATION FOR COMPUTATION ON TAX RATE		\$163,433,982

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Fire Department – Land and Buildings U7-16	597,900
Town Hall – Furniture and Equipment	255,000
Library - Land and Buildings U6-7	311,400
Library - Contents	145,000
Police Department Equipment	3,000
Fire Department – Contents	130,000
Highway Department – Land and Building R7-51	185,400
Highway Department – Contents	140,000
Town Common - U6-24	50,400
Park Hill Commons - U3-8, U3-29, U3-30	9,000
Woodward Field - U2-8	74,100
School – Land and Buildings	2,064,500
Historical Land and Buildings (Corner Schoolhouse) U7-2	145,400
Recycling Center – Land and Buildings R14-22	111,400
Misc. Land and Buildings (11 properties)	286,300
Cemeteries (9)	
TOTAL	\$4,508,800

APPROPRIATIONS, TAXES ASSESSED & TAX RATE

Executive		\$72,230
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics		31,307
Financial Administration		38,479
Legal Expense		5,000
Personnel Administration		95,156
Planning & Zoning		4,218
General Government Building		13,442
Cemeteries		13,000
Insurance		12,909
Police		1,000
Ambulance		51,613
Fire & Rescue		33,275
Building Inspector		1,500
Emergency Management		2,400
Mutual Aid		21,460
Highways & Streets - Admin		141,000
Highways & Streets		455,922
Street Lighting		3,500
Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling		92,425
Health Officer		240
Animal Control		200
Health Agencies		5,000
Welfare Admin & Direct Assistance		5,000
Parks & Recreation		1,500
Library		34,990
Patriotic Purposes		250
Conservation Commission		2,642
Debt Service		1
Capital Outlay		250,000
Capital Reserve Funds		0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION - TOWN		\$1,389,659
Less Revenues		781,291
Less Fund Balance voted from surplus		0
Add-War Service Credits		15,200
Add -Overlay		<u>8,536</u>
NET TOWN APPROPRIATION		632,104
NET LOCAL EDUCATION TAX		2,452,824
STATE EDUCATION TAX		388,481
COUNTY TAX ASSESSMENT		<u>579,743</u>
TOTAL TOWN, SCHOOL, COUNTY		\$4,053,152
Less-War Service Credits		<u>15,200</u>
TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT		\$4,037,952
NET LOCAL SCHOOL BUDGET	\$3,535,656	
Less-ADEQUATE EDUCATION GRANT	694,351	
Less-STATE EDUCATION TAX	<u>388,481</u>	
	\$2,452,824	
2016 Tax Rate	School - Local	\$15.01
	School - State	\$2.41
	County	\$3.55
	Town	<u>\$3.86</u>
		\$24.83

TREASURER'S REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2016

TD Bank Checking Account Balance - January 1, 2016	\$1,268,460.89
Activity:	
plus receipts	4,770,285.20
less payments	<u>4,531,885.24</u>
Balance December 31, 2016:	\$1,506,860.85

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS - 2016

Local Taxes:		Licenses, Permits & Fees:	
Property Taxes - 2015	133,359.73	UCC/Filing Fees	464.00
Property Taxes - 2016	3,813,830.52	Junk Yard Fee	25.00
Tax Leins Redeemed	37,344.37	Motor Vehicle Fees:	
Taxes Sold to Town	44,818.27	Motor Vehicle Permits	293,853.00
Land Use Change Tax	5,460.00	Motor Vehicle Title Application Fee	824.00
Yield (Timber) Tax	34,645.64	Motor Vehicle State Fees	5,425.00
Excavation Tax	1,419.74	MV State Fees - Town	1,085.00
I & P - Current	3,360.57	Building Permits	1,842.31
I & P - Redemptions	<u>6,412.08</u>	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees:	
	\$4,080,650.92	Dog Licenses	1,936.50
State Sources:		Marriage Licenses	300.00
Rooms & Meals Distribution	89,664.26	Vital Statistics Requests	165.00
Highway Block Grant	83,401.63	Pistol Permits	450.00
Forest Land Reimbursement	9.35	Planning & Zoning Hearings	925.00
Statewide Checklist	<u>325.00</u>	Bank Fees	225.00
	173,400.24	Transfer Station Permit Fees	3,646.00
Forest Fire Reimbursement	1,502.23	Transfer Station Fees (Items)	<u>5,131.00</u>
Interest - Checking Account	2,193.87		\$316,296.81
FEMA - Fire Dept Grant	\$29,346.00		
Income from Departments:		Post Office Rent	5,125.02
Fire Department Fuel	764.98	Town Hall Rent	<u>775.00</u>
Recycling - Transfer Station	<u>2,833.85</u>		\$5,900.02
	\$3,598.83	Insurance Dividends/Reimbursements:	
		Worker's Compensation	\$6,609.00
Proceeds from long-term note	\$105,000.00		
Interfund Transfers In:		Other Misc. Revenue:	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	3,410.84	Town History Book Sales	315.00
Highway CR - Truck	40,000.00	Copies & Postage	217.87
Jotham Lord Trust Fund	<u>74.45</u>	Contributions/Donations	97.00
	\$43,485.29	Fines & Forfeits	<u>1,672.12</u>
			\$2,301.99
TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS		\$4,770,285.20	

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 2016

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Executive Office:

Town Administrator	56,439.50
Selectmen	6,000.00
Moderator	150.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	160.00
IT Service	390.00
Tax Maps	664.50
Printing	900.00
Dues	1,427.00
Notices	99.76
Equipment Agreements	232.00
Software Agreements	2,165.95
Supplies	607.93
Postage & PO Fees	464.62
Equipment	1,098.98
Jotham Lord Fund	74.45
Other	<u>350.00</u>
	\$71,224.69

Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:

Town Clerk	6,102.00
Town Clerk Fees	17,321.00
Election Fees - Town Clerk	225
Election Fees - Moderator	225.00
Election Fees - Supervisors	755.00
Election Fees - Ballot Clerks	360.00
Town Clerk Telephone	882.88
Printing	204.80
Notices - Town Clerk	285.60
Notices - Supervisors	110.90
Notices - Other	108.80
Election Day Dinners	1,120.00
Supplies - Town Clerk	765.89
Supplies - Supervisors	55.00
Postage - Town Clerk	1,073.08
Postage - Supervisors	17.37
Town Clerk Publications	87.95
Licenses- Dog/Marriage	1,161.37
Vital Statistics	<u>64.00</u>
	\$30,925.64

General Government Buildings:

Custodian	5,141.97
Telephone	1,291.20
Electricity	1,370.28
Heating Fuel	947.01
Propane	32.95
Repairs & Maintenance	1,486.35
Supplies	421.09
Mowing	<u>1,785.00</u>
	\$12,475.85

Financial Administration:

Tax Collector	10,995.96
Tax Collector Fees	994.00
Auditor	500.00
Treasurer	1,530.00
Property Assessing	18,000.00
Bank Charges	1,085.86
Recording Fees	58.11
Dues - Tax Collector	20.00
Dues - Other	45.00
Software Agreements - Tax Collector	1,980.00
Software Agreements - Treasurer	499.00
Tax Collector Supplies	1,214.01
Treasurer Supplies	312.37
Revaluation Supplies	495.05
Postage - Tax Collector	1,730.82
Postage - Treasurer	<u>378.00</u>
	\$39,838.18

Legal Expenses:

Attorney Fees	\$1,935.00
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Personnel Administration:

Health Insurance	47,240.15
Dental Insurance	3,276.89
FICA	18,559.72
Medicare	4,340.58
Retirement	<u>21,516.67</u>
	\$94,934.01

Planning & Zoning:

Clerk Fees	755.00
Printing	200.00
SWRPC Dues	1,743.00
Notices	341.34
Supplies	120.00
Postage	<u>109.46</u>
	\$3,268.80

Cemeteries:

	\$11,493.75
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Insurance Not Allocated/Dept:

Worker's Compensation	6,609.00
Property Insurance	1,355.00
Liability Insurance	<u>1,366.50</u>
	\$9,330.50

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT:**\$275,426.42**

Treasurer's Report, continued

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Ambulance Service:	\$51,612.80
Mutual Aid Service:	21,460.00
Building Inspector:	\$1,842.31
Emergency Management:	
Emg Mgt Director Salary	200.00
Forest Fire Control - Wages	1,365.12
Forest Fire Control - Misc.	<u>792.59</u>
	\$2,357.71
Fire & Rescue Departments:	
Fire Chief Salary	1,500.00
Firemen Salaries	5,000.00
Telephones/Internet	1,010.29
Training	100.00
Electricity	1,097.58
Heating Fuel	2,248.17
Office Supplies	87.51
Life Insurance	420.00
Vehicle Insurance	1,944.42
Dues	550.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	130.00
Radio Repair	1,409.44
Flow Testing	1,950.00
Vehicle Fuel	764.98
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	8,000.49
Vehicle Inspection/Registration	300.00
Equipment - New	4,397.08
Equipment - Gear	228.60
Equipment - Rescue	<u>1,865.17</u>
	\$33,003.73

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY: \$110,276.55

SANITATION:

Solid Waste Disposal:	
Employee Salaries	23,689.44
Telephone	389.57
Disposal Service - Trucking	18,392.00
Disposal Service - Tonage	37,379.75
Testing Fees	2,400.00
Electricity	582.52
Dues	150.00
Supplies	672.30
Other	<u>1,155.00</u>
TOTAL SANITATION:	\$84,810.58

HIGHWAYS & STREETS:

Uniforms	1,500.00
Telephone	883.24
Drug/Alcohol Testing	195.00
Electricity	1,241.45
Heating Fuel	1,339.09
Hired Equipment	2,930.00
Vehicle Insurance	2,592.58
Dues & Membership	275.00
Notices	146.84
Building Repair/Maintenance	1,722.69
Paving- Asphalt	272,744.47
Paving- Shimming	2,793.35
Salt & Chloride	57,410.40
Sand & Gravel	30,692.07
Vehicle Fuel & Oil	16,683.28
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	42,769.53
Tires	6,128.95
Vehicle Inspection/Registration	100.00
Culverts	4,926.07
Signs	170.00
Equipment	3,973.85
Other	<u>4,607.11</u>
	\$455,824.97
Highway Administration:	
Temporary Wages	3,017.21
Permanent Wages	<u>131,711.56</u>
	\$134,728.77
Street Lighting	\$3,406.36
TOTAL HIGHWAYS & STREETS:	\$593,960.10

HEALTH:

Health Officer Salary	200.00
Animal Control	320.00
Agencies & Services	<u>5,000.00</u>
	\$5,520.00

WELFARE:

Welfare Officer Salary	200.00
Direct Assistance	<u>1,850.00</u>
	\$2,050.00

TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE: \$7,570.00

CONSERVATION:

Conferences/Training	55.00
Dues	266.00
Supplies	9.69
TOTAL CONSERVATION:	\$330.69

Treasurer's Report, continued

CULTURE & RECREATION:

Park & Recreation:	
Mowing	1,575.00
Patriotic Purposes	<u>234.00</u>
	\$1,809.00
Library:	
Library Salaries	26,689.19
Appropriation	<u>8,300.81</u>
	\$34,990.00

TOTAL CULTURE & REC: \$36,799.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY:

Fire Dept - Defibrillator	30,813.67
Highway Truck	101,888.00
Feasibility Study	<u>3,200.00</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY:	\$135,901.67

TOTAL TOWN OPERATING EXPENSES: \$1,245,075.01

OTHER EXPENSES:

Refund of Property Tax	754.57	Reserved from 2015:	
Overpayment of Property Tax	79.80	Town Common Post Damage	1,030.00
Town Hall supplies - Cultural Art	100.00	Highway Furnace	14,440.42
County Taxes	579,743.00		
School District	2,641,444.00		
Taxes Bought By Town	49,218.44		

TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES: \$3,286,810.23

GRAND TOTAL ALL PAYMENTS \$4,531,885.24

STATUS OF ACCOUNTS IN HANDS OF TREASURER

2016 Activity

Conservation Commission Account

Balance - January 1, 2016	\$66,278.04
Plus Deposits 2016	\$4,690.00
Plus Interest Earned 2016	\$100.10
Less Withdrawals 2016	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance - December 31, 2016	\$71,068.14

LOANS OUTSTANDING

Highway Truck - Savings Bank of Walpole	
Date of Loan:	12/19/2017
Maturity of Loan:	12/19/2019
Amount of Loan:	\$105,000
Rate of Loan:	2.875%
Payment per Year:	\$35,000
Amount owed on Loan (1/1/2017):	\$105,000

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo Ann LaBarre
Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Tax Accounts – Fiscal Year Ending December, 31, 2016

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year	2016	2015	2014	Prior
Property Taxes		178,178.00	4,010.00	
Land Use Change		5,400.00		
Yield Taxes		307.19		
Taxes Committed This Year				
Property Taxes	4,037,970.00			
Land Use Change	10,150.00			
Yield Taxes	49,699.06			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yard	1,419.74			
Overpayment Refunds				
Property Taxes	179.80			
Interest – Late Tax	573.57	7,179.29		
TOTAL DEBITS	4,100,000.05	185,357.29	4,010.00	

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer	.			
Property Taxes	3,814,600.52	133,359.73		
Land Use Change	9,380.00			
Yield Taxes	34,645.64			
Interest	581.45	7,179.29		
Excavation Tax	1,419.74			
Conversion to Lien		44,818.27		
Abatements	770.00			
Uncollected Taxes				
Property Taxes	223,549.28			
Yield Taxes	15,053.42			
TOTAL CREDITS	4,100,000.05	185,357.29	4,010.00	

Tax Collector's Report, cont.

DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy 2015	2014	Prior Levies 2013	2012
Unredeemed Liens At Beg of Fiscal Year		24,339.31	17,056.64	4,031.73
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	49,218.44			
Interest Collected	569.00	326.92	1,115.99	
Abated Interest		145.99		
TOTAL DEBITS	49,787.44	24,812.22	18,172.63	4,031.73

CREDITS

Remitted To Treasurer				
Redemptions	23,801.18	5,610.99	7,787.18	
Interest	569.00	326.92	1,115.99	
Abatements Property Tax		1,025.40		
Interest		145.99		
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	25,417.26	17,702.92	9,269.46	4,031.73
TOTAL CREDITS	49,787.44	24,812.22	18,172.63	4,031.73

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$ 293,853.00
State Motor Vehicle Agent Fees - Town	\$ 1,085.00
State Motor Vehicle Agent Fees - Agent	\$ 5,425.00
Title Application Fees	\$ 824.00
Dog Licenses Tag	\$ 1,811.50
Group	\$ 125.00
Vital Statistic Research/Requests	\$ 165.00
Marriage Licenses – 4	\$ 300.00
UCC and Other Filings	\$ 464.00
Returned Check Fees	\$ <u>200.00</u>
TOTAL COLLECTED BY TOWN CLERK	\$ 304,252.50

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Appropriation	Receipts	Total Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance/Overdraft
4130	Executive	\$72,230	\$72,522	\$71,225	\$1,297
4140	Elec. Reg. VS	31,307	34,498	30,926	3,572
4150	Financial Admin	38,479	38,479	39,838	(1,359)
4153	Legal Expenses	5,000	5,000	1,935	3,065
4155	Personel Admin	95,156	95,156	94,666	490
4191	Planning & Zoning	4,218	5,143	3,269	1,874
4194	Gov't. Buildings	13,442	19,392	12,476	6,916
4195	Cemeteries	13,000	16,411	13,000	3,411
4196	Insurance not Allocated	12,909	19,518	9,331	10,187
4210	Police	1,000	1,000	0	1,000
4215	Ambulance	51,613	51,613	51,613	0
4220	Fire & Rescue	33,275	34,040	33,004	1,036
4240	Building Inspec.	1,500	3,342	1,842	1,500
4290	Emergency Mgt.	2,400	5,574	2,358	3,216
4299	Mutual Aid	21,460	21,460	21,460	0
4311	Highway Admin.	141,000	141,000	134,729	6,271
4312	Highway & Streets	455,922	455,922	455,825	97
4316	Street Lighting	3,500	3,500	3,406	94
4324	Recycling Center	92,425	104,036	84,811	19,225
4411	Health Administration	240	240	200	40
4414	Animal Control	200	200	320	(120)
4415	Health Agencies	5,000	5,000	5,000	0
4441	Welfare Administration	240	240	200	40
4442	Direct Assistance	4,760	4,760	1,850	2,910
4520	Parks & Rec.	1,500	1,500	1,575	(75)
4550	Library	34,990	34,990	34,990	0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	250	250	234	16
4611	Conservation	2642	2,642	331	2,311
4711	Debt. Service	0	0	0	0
4721	Interest-Long Term	0	0	0	0
4723	Interest on TAN	1	1	0	1
4902	Highway Truck	185,000	330,000	170,000	160,000
4903	Town Hall Painting	17,000	17,000	17,000	0
4909	Feasibility Study	8,000	8,000	8,000	0
4909	Defibrillator	40,000	69,346	30,814	38,532
4915	Capital Reserve Funds	0	0	0	0
	TOTALS	\$1,389,659	\$1,601,775	\$1,336,225	\$265,550

HEALTH

It was requested that I inspect an abandoned property for concern of insect infestation. No evidence was found.

Richard Paul, Health Officer

PUBLIC WELFARE

As of this report, there have been six requests for welfare assistance. Four requests were approved.

Richard Paul, Officer of Public Welfare

BUILDING INSPECTOR

A total of 25 permits were issued in 2016

Single family dwelling	4	Addition	3
Deck	5	Remodel	4
Shed	5	Barn	3
Greenhouse	1		

Larry Muchmore, Building Inspector

AUDIT REPORT

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts of the Town of Westmoreland: Financial Records, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Trustees of the Trust Funds, Town Clerk and Library for the year 2015. We find them to be correct and properly vouched, including recommendations for improvements. Completed reports are on file with the Selectmen.

Town Auditors Nancy Zeller & Alison Fissette

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

There were four cemetery lots sold in 2016. There were no funds available in the budget to fix stones in 2016, but work will continue in 2017. While it is the family's responsibility to repair broken or fallen stones, we feel it is important to keep up with repairs as much as possible. Age and New England winters make repairs a continual issue.

The Cemetery Trustees must be notified of all burials, including cremations, in a town cemetery. This is important so that the burial is done according to regulations and becomes a permanent record of the town. For the mutual protection, respect and benefit of all lot owners, there are restrictions on decorations, enclosures, plants and shrubbery. By-Laws are available from the Cemetery Trustees.

Several years ago, a successful cemetery work-bee was held where residents gathered to pick up downed branches and rake leaves. We will be scheduling another work-bee in 2017 – hope to see you there!

Cemetery Trustees, Robert Davis, Jo Ann LaBarre & Robert Moore

PLANNING BOARD

Westmoreland Planning Board members are appointed by the Selectmen. The board holds regular meetings which are open to the public at the Town Hall on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 PM. If anyone has business to bring before the board, they should contact the board's secretary, Elaine Moore, to be put on the agenda. Anything requiring a hearing must be officially noticed which means that the secretary must receive the information 21 days prior to the meeting. Folks just wanting information do not need to be noted on the agenda.

The purpose of the planning board is to guide the development of the town. Decisions are made considering the landowner's rights and desires and balancing this with the intent of the town as shown in the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinances through processes such as subdivision and site plan review. Information on the necessary steps for subdivision or site plan review as well as ordinances is available in the Selectmen's office and on the town's website.

If a resident is planning any changes or construction on any land in town, a call to the Zoning Administrator is the first place to start. This is the best way to find out if any necessary permits or processes are needed. If residents have suggestions for changes for the Zoning Ordinances we encourage you to submit them to the board for consideration. While the board drafts ordinances, it is the residents who vote to determine whether to adopt them during the March ballot vote.

The past year Alison Fissette stepped down as Secretary but agreed to serve as alternate. We thank Alison for her service to the board and welcome Elaine Moore as our new secretary. Clayton Stalker replaced Russ Austin as Selectmen's representative. Thank you Russ for your service.

In 2016 there was an approval for subdivision on county land, two boundary line changes, two informational meetings with people who wanted to know about processes for use of their land, and a gravel excavation permit approved.

The Master Plan was approved by the Planning Board. Copies are now available in the town office. The Chairman served on the Hazard Mitigation update committee.

We worked on ordinances and submitted proposed changes to the sign ordinance and accessory dwelling ordinance for vote at town meeting. We have currently working on alternative energy and agricultural ordinances and road design standards.

Westmoreland Planning Board Members

Lauren Bressett, Chair	Steve Houle	Mark Hayward, Sr.
Dawn Lincoln, Vice Chair	Bruce Smith	Tim Thompson, Alternate
Clayton Stalker, Selectman	James Starkey	Alison Fissette, Alternate
	Elaine More, Secretary	

Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots

In accordance with NH RSA 674:39-aa, any owner of lots merged by municipal action for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes prior to 9/18/2010 and without consent of the owner, may request that the lots be restored to their premerger status. Application must be made to the Board of Selectmen prior to 12/31/2021. Application and additional information may be obtained at the Selectmen's office or on the town website (www.westmorelandnh.com).

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment considers applications for property uses which may need a Special Exception or a Variance according to the Westmoreland Zoning Ordinances.

Zoning Board Administrator: David Wirth

Zoning Board Chairman, Peter Remy; Vice-Chairman, Barry Shonbeck. Regular members: Brian Merry, Russ Huntley, Nancy Ranson. Alternate members: Ernie Perham, Bill Campbell.

The Zoning Board meets at the Town Hall at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month when an application has been submitted.

2016 Hearings

February 17, 2016: The Zoning Board met to consider an Administrative Appeal filed by Andy Russell objecting to the decision of the Westmoreland Select Board to unmerge the four deeded lots of record owned by Walter Derjue, Map R-10, Lot 17. The Board voted four to one to uphold the Select Board's decision.

April 13, 2016: The Zoning Board met to consider a motion filed by Andy and Mary Ellen Russell to reconsider the Board's vote of February 17, 2016 to uphold the Select Board's decision. The Zoning Board voted to reconsider that vote and scheduled a hearing for May 18, 2016.

May 18, 2016: The Zoning Board met to reconsider its vote of February 17, 2016 to uphold the Select Board's decision to unmerge the Derjue lots. After hearing arguments by Attorney Tom Hanna representing the Russells and Attorney JR Davis representing the Derjues, the Board voted 5 to 0 to uphold their previous vote to uphold the Select Board's vote.

Respectfully submitted by Jacqueline Cleary, Zoning Board Clerk

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

In July of this year, I was appointed to be the Emergency Management Director by the town selectman. Since that time I have taken the Web Emergency Operations Center, EOC, training from the state; the Web EOC is a line of communication to various emergency services in the event of a large-scale emergency.

Bill Chase who has been the past EMD, has been catching me up to speed on information and responsibilities of the position.

Deputy EMD, Bob Hamilton, participated in a disaster drill at Maplewood Nursing Home. These events are excellent practices to test our in-place systems.

I would like to thank Bill for his hard work to date on Emergency Management. Bill will be staying on as Deputy EMD. I look forward to serving the town and state in the new position.

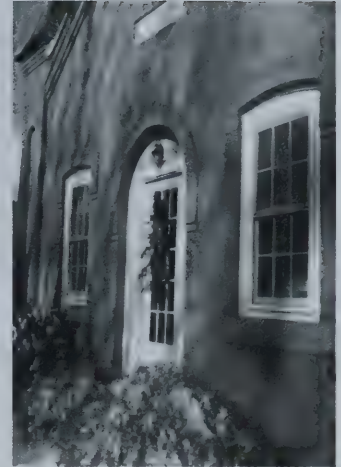
Respectfully,

Tom Finnegan

EMD~Westmoreland

WESTMORELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library continues to enjoy monthly visits from Kindergarten and the 1st grade classes, sponsors a Book Group and a Writers Group, and hosts a story time and other projects for preschoolers and their families. In May we welcomed local author John Harris for a book discussion, and in June sponsored a live owl program from the Vermont Institute of Science for the local school children. Later in the year we partnered with the Historical Society in celebration of Old Home Day and in the early fall Westmoreland School Principal, Mark Hayward, came by to read to incoming Kindergarten students before the start of school. We capped off the year just before the holidays with a get-together with preschoolers for some reading and then each child assembled their own apple pie to take back home to bake with their family. It was a good and gooey day and a great way to end the year.



•Patrons

The library was open 154 days last year. During that time 3233 patrons visited us, 57 of whom were first time visitors to the library. In-library use: 299 patrons used our in-house services, including our public computer, wireless service, fax and copying machines.

•Book Circulation

4,042 books circulated from the Westmoreland Library this year, which represents a 22% jump from last year's total of 3,302. We borrowed 412 books from other libraries for our patrons, and we loaned 190 books from our stacks to other libraries. **Collection Management:** Acquisitions: We added 246 new books to our collection this year, 17 of which we received as donations. In addition we added 123 items of mixed media including audio books, magazines and videos. 336 items were withdrawn from the collection.

•Gifts

We are thankful for the bountiful gifts we received throughout the year including memorial contributions and an generous monetary contribution for the continued support of our automated cataloging system. We were also the beneficiary of two paintings by former local painter, Arthur Herrick, which were contributed by local townsfolks for all to enjoy. We are especially grateful to our band of volunteers who give freely of their time and talents - and finally, a special thank you to our Board of Trustees chaired by Louise Slayton.

Whether you are new to town or have been here a while, we welcome you to drop by and see what the library may hold for you.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Burnett
Library Director

Westmoreland Public Library
Statement of Activities
12 Months Ending December 31, 2016

	Town Funds		Total
Town Appropriation	34,609.19		34,609.19
Jotham Lord Fund	74.45		74.45
Trustee of the Trust Funds	1,747.94		1,747.94
Interest earned		2.36	2.36
Other Income(copier, late fees)		66.00	66.00
Fundraising and Contributions		1,362.00	1,362.00
 Total Income	 \$36,431.58	 \$1,430.36	 \$37,861.94
 Payroll	 26,309.19		 26,309.19
Books & Periodicals		3,280.33	3,280.33
Program Expenses		13.21	13.21
Supplies		704.02	814.02
PO Box Rental		110.00	110.00
Electricity		1,045.50	1,045.50
Heat		500.14	500.14
Phone & Internet		1,178.30	1,178.30
Dues & registration		30.00	30.00
Computer Expenses		1,210.00	1,210.00
 Total Expense	 \$26,309.19	 \$8,071.50	 \$34,490.69
 Savings Bank of Walpole Checking Account Balance Dec. 31 2016	 \$6,095.53		
Savings Bank of Walpole CD Account (Designated Funds)			
Operating Balance	\$3,371.25		

Park Hill Meeting House & Historical Society

This year has been busy, enlightening and very rewarding. We organized and held several committee meetings during spring and summer months in preparation for the Centennial Celebration of our historic 100-year-old Town Hall building on October 8th. Taxpayers of the town voted at Town Meeting in March to earmark \$500 for an all-town mailing and a banner. Because of the very generous donations from C&S Wholesale's Print Shop and the Cultural Arts group here in town, we were able to return an unused balance of \$232.12. There was also an amount of \$47 donated during the party toward further restoration of the building. There were nice comments heard from the many people who enjoyed the music, dancers, food and contact with old friends. Our booklet relating the history of both Town Halls, souvenir mugs, special postal cancellation, note cards and other items proved to be very well received.

Other programs this year included Christopher Kelley's latest archaeological finds, Hugh Shelley's life-story and education, the interesting presentation by David Hurlihy on the friendship between Albert H. Overman (bicycle manufacturer who lived in Westmoreland) and George Eastman (Kodak cameras), Jim Ranson and Walter Carroll presented the up-date on the Meeting House and history of North Cemetery at the joint meeting with the Cheshire County Roundtable Forum in June. **The public is always encouraged to attend our free programs.**

Walter Carroll has done extensive research on ways to improve the output of the well at the Meeting House and we can expect this annoying problem will be taken care of in the Spring. The Corner School building is in good shape however, we are hoping to find someone who will take on the job of gardening. Our heritage flower garden and beautiful daffodils are desperately in need of attention in 2017.

The four large portraits in our possession have been hung on the walls of the Town Hall 2nd floor and we invite anyone interested to go up and see how nice they look there.

Sadly this year we have lost two valuable long-time members of our Society, Eleanor Hood Putnam and David Leinster. Eleanor was always willing to contribute some delicious food and David was our President 1976-78. The donations received in their memories are very much appreciated.

Also we wish to mention our very sincere appreciation for the Serv-Pro cleaning services from the Paul family done during their busy time when we were desperately in need of help. We don't wish to forget to thank the others who helped us this year, including Jim Ranson, Walter Carroll, Deb Stavseth, Carol Austin, Hugh Shelley, Ted and TJ Ferguson, members of the Fire Dept. and Jo Ann LaBarre.

Our participation in the Ladies Aid Bazaar and the Lions Club "Home for the Holidays" market proved to be very successful with sales of our books and mugs and the lovely photo by Beth Pelton Photography of Winchester raffled and won by Tina Fletcher.

Memberships are reasonably priced, are encouraged, and open to all who enjoy learning more about the amazing history of Westmoreland.

Richard High, Director; Patti Seymour, Clerk/Editor; Jan Hurley, Treas.; Walter Carroll, Property Mgr.; John Harris, Property Mgr.; Jan Carpenter, Archivist

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

It was a busy year for the Supervisors. Pati Patmos was voted in at Town Election as a Supervisor of the Checklist replacing Nancy Zeller. We attended training in Concord on the use of the ElectionNet program. This is a yearly training updating, and training Supervisors on procedures for handling new applications, the processing of same and entering voter paperwork into the ElectionNet Voting system.

Many work sessions were held which has enabled us to research lots of paperwork; some were kept others were duplicates that were destroyed. The sessions also gave us the opportunity to keep our records up to date.

The General Election – November 08, 2016 was a very busy election for the Supervisors. There were just over 60 new registrations... the day of the election.

For the General Election in November, 1013 residents voted (78.71% turnout) from a total of 1287 registered voters: of actual voters: 314 Democrats 274 Republicans 699 Undeclared

We wish to thank our Moderator – Bob Moore, Town Clerk – Cindy Adler and all the Ballot Clerks for their help in all the elections that were held in 2016.

Supervisors of Checklist: Elaine Moore Sharon Riesenbergs Pati Patmos

BRIGGS FUND

In 2016, the Briggs Committee met one time and decided that income from the Briggs, Bleeker and Ruth White trust funds should be available for use by the school for the benefit of the children, preferably around Christmas time. The School drew \$500 from the Briggs Fund in 2016.

Patrick N. Baker
Timothy Thompson

Have Lunch with Friendly Meals and Meals on Wheels

Thanks to many dedicated volunteers, Friendly Meals and Meals on Wheels carry on in Westmoreland! Friendly Meals are held on the third Tuesday of every month (except July and August) at the Town Hall. The noon time lunch is open to anyone over 60. It is a great opportunity to see friends or meet new people. Seniors from other towns are also invited, so if someone has moved away and would like to come back for lunch to catch up with old friends, they are welcome! The lunch is provided by Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services. A \$3.00 donation is requested and reservations are greatly appreciated. Call Judy Rancourt at 399-7085 for reservations.

Meals on Wheels are offered for those who are house bound. Hot meals are delivered by volunteers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Louise Slayton coordinates delivery volunteers. Meals on Wheels can be available for a short time while a person is recovering after a hospital stay or ongoing to help an older neighbor or family member to be safe and independent at home. The service is available for a donation. Last year, 478 meals on wheels were delivered in Westmoreland; 159 Friendly Meals were served at the Town Hall! For more information about receiving Meals on Wheels, call Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) at 352-2253.

FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

The Department responded to a total of 148 Fire and Rescue calls in 2016. These calls consumed over 778 person hours. We had one member join the department bringing the total number of members to 20. We are also doing monthly training with the Spofford/Chesterfield Departments.

In June the Department held its annual Chicken Barbecue. It was a big success for us as we sold out on our chicken and were able to listen to some Great Music from the Westmoreland Town Band.

In 2015 the Department had applied for a Federal Grant [FEMA] to replace our defibrillator and our AED. We were awarded this grant and purchased this equipment this past year.

This year the Department has applied for two more grants. One is to replace our ageing Hydraulic Rescue Tools and the other one is a regional grant with the Towns of Spofford and Chesterfield to replace Hose, Nozzles and Fittings.

We are asking all Westmoreland residents to put your house numbers visible from the roadway. This will assist us in getting to Your Emergency in a reasonable amount of time. If you put them on your mailbox make sure to put them on both sides.

Visitors are always welcome to stop by the Fire Station for a tour and view the apparatus. Any Westmoreland resident interested in becoming a member of the department may join us the third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 pm at the Fire Station.

The members of the Westmoreland Fire/Rescue Department would like to thank the citizens for their outstanding support again this past year. Our goal is to keep the citizens of Westmoreland from harm with professional service.

If you have any questions feel free to contact us at 399-9993 or wvfd1@myfairpoint.net

Respectfully Submitted,
Harry E Nelson
Fire Chief

Month	# Calls	Total # Of Calls
Jan-16	9	9
Feb-16	7	16
Mar-16	16	32
Apr-16	20	52
May-16	17	69
Jun-16	16	85
Jul-16	9	94
Aug-16	12	106
Sep-16	5	111
Oct-16	15	126
Nov-16	8	134
Dec-16	14	148

Type	#of Calls	Total Personnel Hours
AFA Business	1	3:56
AFA Maplewood Nursing Home	1	1:08
AFA Private Residence	9	13:58
AFA School	1	8:42
Brush Fire	8	129:18
Chimney Fire	1	8:08
CO Detector	2	7:17
Downed Wires/Transformer	15	90:39
Good Intent/Smoke Investigation	5	17:57
Hazmat	2	8:33
ME Maplewood Assisted Living	7	6:48
ME Maplewood Nursing Home	5	8:28
ME Private Residence	36	71:49
ME Other	7	25:50
Motor Vehicle Accident	8	89:09
Mutual Aid Given	18	135:22
Mutual Aid Received	1	5:30
Public Assist	1	2:00
Structure Fire	2	34:48
Other	18	108:47
Total	148	778:07

FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

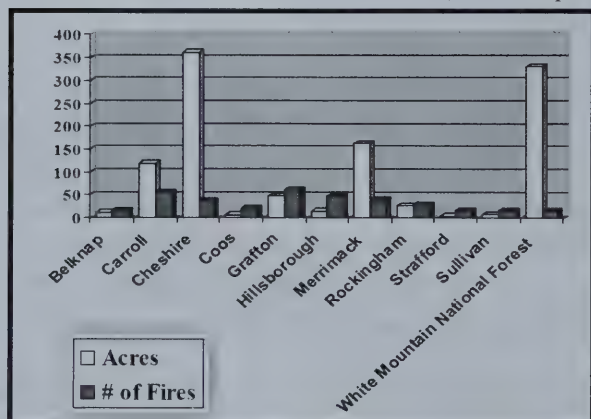
Over the past two years, New Hampshire has experienced its busiest fire seasons since 1989. 1,090 acres burned during the 2016 season. The White Mountain National Forest experienced its largest fire since becoming a National Forest, burning 330 acres in the town of Albany in November. Fires falling under state jurisdiction burned 759 acres, with the largest fire of 199 acres occurring in Stoddard. The extremely dry summer led to a busy fall fire season with large fires occurring into mid-November. Drought conditions hampered fire suppression efforts and extended the time needed to extinguish fires. Your local fire departments and the Division of Forests & Lands worked tirelessly throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping many fires small due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire detection efforts were supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high.

Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2016 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

As we prepare for the 2017 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting www.NHfirepermit.com. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). You are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-3503 or www.des.nh.gov for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

2016 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 2016)



HISTORICAL DATA		
YEAR	NUMBER of FIRES	ACRES BURNED
2016	351	1090
2015	124	635
2014	112	72
2013	182	144
2012	318	206

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

(These numbers do not include the WMNF)

Arson	Debris Burning	Campfire	Children	Smoking	Railroad	Equipment	Lightning	Misc.*
15	85	35	10	12	2	18	9	148

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

NH RSA 36-A, provides a Conservation Commission with the basic purpose to identify, protect and conserve the land and water resources of their community. Charged by RSA 482-A, and RSA 483-B the Commission reviews local wetland applications and, in conjunction with the NH Wetlands Bureau, is involved in the NH Shoreland Protection Act. In addition, we have a responsibility in the review process of sand and gravel permitting under RSA 155-E. Information and applications for the activities described are available at the town office, at the town website (www.westmorelandnh.com) or at the NH Department of Environmental Services website (www.des.nh.gov).

In addition to responding to wetland issues as requested and reviewing formal applications, the Commission has worked with the Selectboard, the NH Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management Division, NH Department of Environmental Services, NH Dept of Transportation, NH Trails Bureau, NH Division of Forests and Lands, Joint Rivers Commission, and Cheshire County officials on a variety of issues.

While our revised 2012 Conservation Plan was chosen not to be included in the recent Town Master Plan update, it is available on the town website. With citizen expressed interest in retaining the rural character of Westmoreland, the Commission continues to assist landowners with information pertaining to the permanent conservation and protection of their land.

In cooperation with "Litter Free NH", the Commission sponsored another successful roadside clean-up in April. It was again spearheaded by the Westmoreland Lions Club with 39 volunteers participating, collecting 98 bags of trash and other assorted junk from about 20 miles of roads in town.

The Commission continued to assist the Westmoreland Elementary School through natural resource materials and one of our members worked directly with the students through the Nature Club, creating an outdoor classroom and trail. We also had a very successful "invasive plant" public field trip at the County Farm and plan to hold other field sessions in the future.

Our members are active on a number of town and regional committees including the Connecticut Joint Rivers Commission and have attended a variety of local and state natural resource training and seminars throughout the year.

The Commission meets the first Thursday of the month at the Town Hall normally at 8:30AM. Please contact any member about our work or with questions or concerns. Also check the town website for more information. Anyone interested in becoming involved can contact the Chairman or the Selectmen. We have seven full time members and an allowance for any number of alternate members.

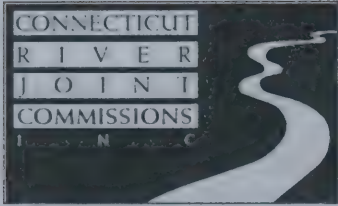
Respectively submitted, Marshall Patmos, Chairman

Members: John Lukin, Vice Chair, April Ferguson, Dick Schmidt, Jim Ranson, Perry Sawyer, Mary Bradley

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee met to discuss concerns about the tennis court and the Woodward Field in East Westmoreland. The tennis court appears to be in good shape, but there is a need to replace the goalposts and backboards with new nets on the basketball court located on the Woodward Field. If anyone is interested in helping we would welcome your input. Thank you to the selectmen and town's people for supporting our projects.

Committee: Susie Harris, chair, David Bressett, Mark Hayward, Lisa Huckins and Jason Simino



CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

Suite 225, 10 Water St., Lebanon, NH 03766.

Website at <http://www.crjc.org>

CRJC continues its mission to preserve the visual and ecological integrity and working landscape of the Conn. River Valley. With five local subcommittees and over 100 volunteers, it is guiding the watershed's growth by reviewing and commenting on proposed actions, from large scale development projects including the Northern Pass, to proposed regulatory changes, such as shoreland protection rules.

CRJC assisted with the installation of new wake speed signs at launches in VT and NH, and supported the Connecticut River Watershed Council with the 25th Source-to-Sea Cleanup. Along with the Conte Wildlife Refuge, CRJC is working to present educational programs about the river and clean water in the watershed.

Of note, during FY2016 the CRJC actively participated in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relicensing of the three TransCanada hydroelectric dams on the lower Connecticut by reviewing studies performed by TransCanada and communicating its concerns about project operations to FERC, particularly those related to erosion, mercury, climate change and economic impact.

CRJC advocates for the establishment of a mitigation and enhancement fund for the southern reach of the river as a means to compensate for unavoidable impacts from dam operations. In this role, CRJC Commissioners met with the governors of both VT and NH to draw attention to the relicensing process and enlist their support.

Wantastiquet Local River Subcommittee

The Wantastiquet Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions consists of two volunteers nominated by each of the following municipalities: Westminster, Putney, Dummerston, Brattleboro, and Vernon in Vermont; and Walpole, Westmoreland, Chesterfield, and Hinsdale in New Hampshire.

The Subcommittee meets approximately four times each year to discuss and act on a variety of river-related issues. Meetings are generally held in Brattleboro. Specific responsibilities include providing advice to NHDES, VANR and municipalities on matters pertaining to the river; reviewing and commenting on proposed permits and plans; and developing and periodically updating a corridor management plan. As appropriate we work in coordination with other river conservation and planning organizations, such as the Connecticut River Watershed Council, the New Hampshire Rivers Council, the Connecticut River Paddlers, the Windham Regional Commission, and Southwest Region Planning Commission.

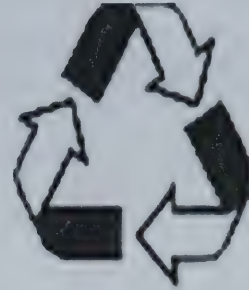
Subcommittee members bring a valuable contribution of expertise and local knowledge to the table for the assistance of landowners, municipalities and state agencies. This year Subcommittee members represented the interests of the River and its resources, as well as landowners and local municipalities, in the federal relicensing process for TransCanada's Vernon Dam hydroelectric facility. Comments were submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regarding bank erosion and the need for mitigation funds to assist property owners with damage caused by riverbank erosion.

The Subcommittee also reviewed New Hampshire's boat accesses and boat access maps for the N.H. Public Water Access Advisory Board. In addition, members assisted with an inventory of boat launch speed limit signs, which resulted in the production and installation of signs with New Hampshire speed limits at Vermont Fish & Wildlife and TransCanada launches (N.H. laws govern activities on the river.)

RECYCLING CENTER

The following information reflects the amount of material taken out of the Transfer Station and income & expenses for recycling:

Waste Disposal	Comingled Recycling Tons	Compactor Tons	Demo Tons
2015	60.49	331.36	35.24
2016	64.93	330.32	26.84



Recycling	Cans Pounds	Cardboard Pounds	Paper Pounds	Light Iron Pounds
2015	4,380	37,700	55,920	27,540
2016	4,400	18,980	37,940	20,700

Income	Recyclables	Item Fees
2015	\$3,361	\$5,508
2016	\$2,834	\$5,131

Expense	Trucking
2015	\$2,930
2016	\$2,805

Thank you to those who generously donated materials to build a storage shed. The shed will be used to securely store the lawn mower, snow blower and various tools.

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

The trustees met eight times during 2016 to administer affairs of the trusts. At year end, Town common trust funds were invested in common stocks and cash in an Edward Jones account. The yield on common trust fund assets was 3.4% in 2016 compared to 3.0% in 2015. The yield on capital reserves was 0.06% in 2016 compared to 0.75% in 2015. Capital reserves are currently invested in CDs yielding approximately 1.5%. Trust fund market valuation to cost is positive around 8%.

The trustees' trust fund investment strategy is to maximize both income and assets with prudent investments. Our target yield is 3+%. Our strategy is to be fully invested in high yielding solid common stocks, and not to try to time the market. Capital reserve funds are currently invested in CDs with local banks. The Jotham Lord Fund received no donations in 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick N. Baker & Timothy Thompson

Town of Westmoreland - Trust Funds and Capital Reserves

COMMON TRUST FUNDS					MS 10					PRINCIPAL					INCOME					GRAND TOTAL				
2016					2015					2016					2015					2016		2015		
Name of Fund					Purpose					#					Share					Total share				
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS																								
Cemetery	Canoe Meadow			0.14%	\$	384.45	\$	8.32	\$	392.77	\$	19.44	\$	13.82	\$	12.26	\$	21.00	\$	403.89	\$	413.78		
Cemetery	Chaffee Cemetery			0.06%	\$	120.68	\$	2.61	\$	123.29	\$	112.86	\$	4.34	\$	3.85	\$	113.35	\$	233.54	\$	236.64		
Cemetery	E.Cemetery Perp. Care.	3		3.51%	\$	9,695.97	\$	209.92	\$	9,905.89	\$	580.80	\$	348.59	\$	307.72	\$	621.67	\$	10,276.77	\$	10,527.56		
Cemetery	Gline Cemetery	5		3.99%	\$	8,550.01	\$	126.65	\$	8,681.66	\$	576.66	\$	210.32	\$	186.62	\$	2,464.62	\$	8,290.93	\$	8,441.28		
Cemetery	North Cemetery, Gen. Upkeep	12		5.12%	\$	14,139.22	\$	306.12	\$	14,445.34	\$	710.84	\$	508.33	\$	451.06	\$	768.11	\$	14,850.06	\$	15,213.45		
Cemetery	North Cemetery, Perpetual Care	6		6.57%	\$	18,165.50	\$	393.29	\$	19,158.79	\$	1,079.42	\$	653.08	\$	569.94	\$	1,162.56	\$	19,244.92	\$	20,321.35		
Cemetery	Ouling Cemeteries, (Cole)			0.22%	\$	603.99	\$	13.08	\$	617.07	\$	570.39	\$	21.71	\$	19.27	\$	572.83	\$	1,174.38	\$	1,189.90		
Cemetery	Pratt Cemetery			0.41%	\$	329.58	\$	7.14	\$	336.72	\$	17.24	\$	11.85	\$	10.51	\$	18.58	\$	346.82	\$	355.29		
Cemetery	S. Village Cemetery, M. & I.			8.50%	\$	12,475.19	\$	270.09	\$	12,745.28	\$	638.44	\$	448.51	\$	397.98	\$	688.97	\$	13,113.63	\$	13,434.25		
Cemetery	S. Village Cemetery, Perp. Care.	9		16.27%	\$	23,877.93	\$	516.96	\$	24,594.89	\$	1,298.45	\$	858.45	\$	761.74	\$	1,395.56	\$	25,176.78	\$	25,990.46		
Cemetery	D. Blood "1997 ETF"			8.64%	\$	38,020.11	\$	823.15	\$	38,413.26	\$	927.86	\$	1,366.89	\$	-	\$	927.86	\$	38,947.97	\$	40,708.01		
Cemetery	Cemetery Maintenance fund	11		23.17%	\$	31,920.58	\$	474.59	\$	33,415.17	\$	826.05	\$	788.08	\$	688.13	\$	926.00	\$	22,746.63	\$	24,121.17		
Cemetery	Burial Support fund			7.93%	\$	21,920.58	\$	474.59	\$	23,195.17	\$	826.05	\$	788.08	\$	688.13	\$	926.00	\$	22,746.63	\$	24,121.17		
Cemetery	Edson Perpetual Care			0.40%	\$	1,105.82	\$	23.94	\$	1,129.76	\$	163.70	\$	39.76	\$	-	\$	203.46	\$	1,269.52	\$	1,333.22		
Cemetery				0.04%	\$	54.86	\$	1.19	\$	56.05	\$	2.19	\$	1.97	\$	-	\$	2.41	\$	57.05	\$	58.46		
	Total Cemetery			100.00%	\$	146,743.89	\$	3,177.05	\$	151,090.94	\$	9,389.00	\$	5,275.71	\$	3,410.83	\$	11,253.88	\$	156,132.89	\$	162,344.81		
				100.00%	\$	146,743.89	\$	3,177.05	\$	151,090.94	\$	9,389.00	\$	5,275.71	\$	3,410.83	\$	11,253.88	\$	156,132.89	\$	162,344.81		
LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS																								
Library	Bennett, E. G.	1978		9.73%	\$	5,333.48	\$	115.47	\$	5,448.95	\$	353.75	\$	191.75	\$	170.15	\$	375.35	\$	5,687.23	\$	5,824.30		
Library	Briggs, O.L.	1918		4.12%	\$	2,259.49	\$	48.92	\$	2,308.41	\$	149.85	\$	81.23	\$	72.08	\$	159.00	\$	2,409.34	\$	2,467.41		
Library	Burt, M.W.	1903		1.03%	\$	564.71	\$	12.23	\$	576.94	\$	37.45	\$	20.30	\$	18.02	\$	39.74	\$	602.16	\$	616.67		
Library	Capron, H.F.	1967		2.06%	\$	1,129.73	\$	24.46	\$	1,154.19	\$	74.93	\$	40.62	\$	36.04	\$	79.51	\$	1,204.66	\$	1,233.69		
Library	Cousens H.G.	1978		3.37%	\$	1,847.12	\$	39.99	\$	1,887.11	\$	122.50	\$	66.41	\$	58.93	\$	129.98	\$	1,969.62	\$	2,017.09		
Library	Goodrum, A.M.	1968		0.67%	\$	225.94	\$	4.89	\$	230.83	\$	14.99	\$	8.12	\$	7.21	\$	15.91	\$	240.93	\$	246.74		
Library	Greene, Dorothy P.	2000		10.26%	\$	5,621.45	\$	121.71	\$	5,743.16	\$	372.74	\$	202.10	\$	179.33	\$	395.51	\$	5,994.19	\$	6,138.66		
Library	Johnson, Lewis P.	1985		2.07%	\$	1,131.83	\$	24.50	\$	1,156.33	\$	108.76	\$	40.69	\$	36.11	\$	113.34	\$	1,240.59	\$	1,269.68		
Library	Neff, Emory	1983		2.06%	\$	1,129.70	\$	24.46	\$	1,154.16	\$	74.93	\$	40.61	\$	36.04	\$	79.51	\$	1,204.63	\$	1,233.66		
Library	Remembering Betty Ann	2012		51.05%	\$	27,970.65	\$	605.57	\$	28,576.22	\$	1,310.63	\$	1,005.60	\$	892.31	\$	1,243.92	\$	29,101.28	\$	29,820.14		
Library	Neff, Frances	1989		2.09%	\$	1,143.49	\$	24.76	\$	1,168.25	\$	75.87	\$	41.11	\$	36.48	\$	80.50	\$	1,219.36	\$	1,248.75		
Library	Starkey, M.	1998		2.05%	\$	1,124.30	\$	24.34	\$	1,148.64	\$	74.55	\$	40.42	\$	35.87	\$	79.10	\$	1,198.85	\$	1,227.75		
Library	Thompson & Overman	1978		5.57%	\$	3,050.27	\$	66.04	\$	3,116.31	\$	202.31	\$	109.66	\$	97.31	\$	214.66	\$	3,252.58	\$	3,330.97		
Library	Warner, K.T.	1978		4.12%	\$	2,259.51	\$	48.92	\$	2,308.43	\$	149.85	\$	81.23	\$	72.08	\$	159.00	\$	2,409.36	\$	2,467.43		
	Total Library Trust Funds			100.00%	\$	54,791.67	\$	1,186.26	\$	55,977.93	\$	2,943.11	\$	1,969.86	\$	1,747.94	\$	3,165.03	\$	57,734.78	\$	59,142.95		
				100.00%	\$	54,791.67	\$	1,186.26	\$	55,977.93	\$	2,943.11	\$	1,969.86	\$	1,747.94	\$	3,165.03	\$	57,734.78	\$	59,142.95		
OTHER TRUST FUNDS																								
School	Acemo Scholarship Fund**	1994		6.32%	\$	4,734.97	\$	102.51	\$	4,837.48	\$	57.27	\$	170.23	\$	500.00	\$	(272.50)	\$	4,792.24	\$	4,564.98		
Town	Bleeker	1985		0.76%	\$	565.31	\$	12.24	\$	577.55	\$	189.72	\$	20.32	\$	500.00	\$	(289.96)	\$	735.03	\$	755.03		
School	Pearl Bragg	1997		13.52%	\$	10,119.87	\$	219.10	\$	10,338.97	\$	363.83	\$	44.00	\$	-	\$	1,713.71	\$	11,469.75	\$	12,052.68		
Town	Briggs Christmas	1918		0.44%	\$	1,224.00	\$	26.50	\$	1,250.50	\$	326.10	\$	21.10	\$	-	\$	370.10	\$	1,550.10	\$	1,620.60		
School	Cutter Grammar	1990		0.78%	\$	586.94	\$	12.71	\$	599.65	\$	220.08	\$	21.10	\$	25.00	\$	216.18	\$	807.02	\$	815.83		
School	Esty	1889		1.33%	\$	995.36	\$	21.55	\$	1,016.91	\$	104.06	\$	35.78	\$	-	\$	139.84	\$	1,099.42	\$	1,156.75		
School	Hall, Sarah M.K. > Esty	1947		0.38%	\$	284.77	\$	6.17	\$	290.94	\$	20.53	\$	10.24	\$	-	\$	30.77	\$	305.30	\$	321.70		
school	Hall, Victor	1946		0.74%	\$	553.35	\$	11.98	\$	565.33	\$	65.67	\$	19.89	\$	-	\$	85.56	\$	619.02	\$	650.89		
School	Fox	1817		1.53%	\$	1,143.59	\$	24.76	\$	1,168.35	\$	514.45	\$	41.11	\$	-	\$	555.56	\$	1,668.04	\$	1,723.91		
School	Lois Leach	1976		3.71%	\$	2,779.45	\$	60.18	\$	2,839.63	\$	88.67	\$	99.93	\$	88.67	\$	99.93	\$	2,868.12	\$	2,939.55		
School	Jeff Starkey*	2005		6.89%	\$	5,156.31	\$	111.64	\$	5,267.95	\$	710.19	\$	185.38	\$	-	\$	895.57	\$	5,866.50	\$	6,163.51		
Town	Jotham Lord	1816		3.12%	\$	2,333.61	\$	50.52	\$	2,384.13	\$	74.45	\$	83.90	\$	74.45	\$	83.90	\$	2,408.06	\$	2,488.03		
Men	Men's Club (Historical Society)**	1982		5.88%	\$	4,404.01	\$	95.35	\$	4,515.19	\$	168.35	\$	158.33	\$	-	\$	342.51	\$	4,572.36	\$	4,857.70		
Aged	Starkey Cobb	1935		33.19%	\$	24,850.18	\$	538.01	\$	25,388.19	\$	792.77	\$	893.41	\$	796.77	\$	889.41	\$	25,642.95	\$	26,277.60		
School	Town Library	1929		2.62%	\$	1,958.24	\$	42.40	\$	2,000.64	\$	199.52	\$	70.40	\$	-	\$	269.92	\$	2,157.76	\$	2,270.56		
Town	Ruth White - Christmas	1991		1.24%	\$	3,432.20	\$	74.31	\$	3,506.51	\$	1,151.88	\$	123.39	\$	-	\$	1,275.27	\$	4,584.08	\$	4,781.78		
School	Thomas White - Soccer	1985		11.07%	\$	8,288.12	\$	179.44	\$	8,467.56	\$	264.41	\$	297.97	\$	-	\$	362.38	\$	8,552.53	\$	8,829.94		
School	Woodward Memorial	1988		1.95%	\$	1,460.67	\$	31.62	\$	1,492.29	\$	173.28	\$	52.51	\$	200.00	\$	225.79	\$	1,633.95	\$	1,718.09		
	Total Other Trust Funds			100.00%	\$	74,870.95	\$	1,620.98	\$	76,507.76	\$	6,471.28	\$	2,691.74	\$	15.83	\$	6,993.96	\$	81,342.23	\$	83,501.72		
				100.00%	\$	74,870.95	\$	1,620.98	\$	76,507.76	\$	6,471.28	\$	2,691.74	\$	15.83	\$	6,993.96	\$	81,342.23	\$	83,501.72		
TOTAL COMMON TRUST FUNDS																								

Town of Westmoreland - Trust Funds and Capital Reserves

CAPITAL RESERVES		PRINCIPAL										INCOME		GRAND TOTAL	
2016	MS 9	Share	12/31/2015 Balance	Capital Gain/Loss	Deposits	Withdrawn	12/31/2016 Balance	12/31/2015 Balance	Income	Transfer	Expended	12/31/2016 Balance	12/31/2015 Balance	12/31/2016 Balance	
COMMON TRUST FUNDS															
Cemetery		53.09%	146,743.89	3,177.05	1,600.00	430.00	151,090.94	9,389.00	5,275.71	-	3,410.83	11,253.88	156,132.89	162,344.82	
Library		19.82%	54,791.67	1,186.26	-	-	55,977.93	2,943.11	1,969.86	-	1,747.94	3,165.03	57,734.78	59,142.96	
Other		27.09%	74,870.95	1,620.98	15.83	-	76,507.76	6,471.28	2,691.74	15.83	2,184.89	6,993.96	81,342.23	83,501.72	
Total Common Trust Funds		100.00%	276,406.51	5,984.29	1,615.83	430.00	283,576.63	18,803.39	9,937.31	15.83	7,343.66	21,412.87	295,209.90	304,989.50	
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS															
Fire Truck	1968	10.8%	40,000.00	-	-	-	40,000.00	1,140.65	28.88	-	-	1,169.53	41,140.65	41,169.53	
Highway Truck	1968	8.9%	33,000.00	-	-	33,000.00	-	7,468.91	23.82	-	7,000.00	492.73	40,468.91	492.73	
SPED/HIS Tuition	1996	46.9%	173,753.00	-	26,130.00	-	199,883.00	17,185.47	125.43	-	-	17,310.90	190,938.47	217,193.90	
Recreation Fund	2001	0.1%	223.81	-	-	-	223.81	457.26	0.16	-	-	457.42	681.07	681.23	
School Legal Services	2014	0.3%	1,093.50	-	-	-	1,093.50	8.76	0.79	-	-	9.55	1,102.26	1,103.05	
School Renovation	2002	12.4%	45,835.60	-	30,000.00	-	75,835.60	4,982.43	33.09	-	-	5,015.52	50,818.03	80,851.12	
Bridge Rebuilding	2002	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	875.56	-	-	-	875.56	875.56	875.56	
Land Purchase	2006	18.1%	66,945.23	-	-	-	66,945.23	8,032.13	48.33	-	-	8,080.46	74,977.36	75,025.69	
Town Clock	2009	0.8%	3,000.00	-	-	-	3,000.00	81.13	2.17	-	-	83.30	3,081.13	3,083.30	
Financial Audit	2013	1.9%	7,000.00	-	-	-	7,000.00	125.93	5.05	-	-	130.98	7,125.93	7,130.98	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		100.0%	370,851.14	-	56,130.00	33,000.00	393,981.14	40,358.23	267.72	-	7,000.00	33,625.95	411,209.37	427,607.09	
TOTAL ALL FUNDS			647,257.62	-	57,745.83	33,430.00	677,557.77	59,161.62	10,205.03	15.83	14,343.66	55,038.82	706,419.27	732,596.59	

COMMON TRUST FUNDS				2016	2015	CAPITAL RESERVES		2016	2015	2016	2015	Interest Rate
	Income	Assets	Assets					Income	Assets	Assets		
Edward Jones MM	-	9,937.31	3,582.28	34,814.94		NBT Moneymarket	#8500459035	240.49	257,099.87	10,340.36		0.75%
Common shares at cost			291,627.62	270,174.55		NBT Municipal Bonds	#8500459035	0.00	0.00	250,000.00		2.00%
Total common trust funds	9,937.31	295,209.90	304,989.49			Mascoma, checking	#7049129	38.46	2,541.99	17,216.73		0.00%
						Mascoma Municipal Bonds		0.00	0.00	150,000.00		1.25%
						NBT Checking	#7005455418	-11.23	50.00	50.00		0.00%
						Savings Bank of Walpole check		0.00	151,517.51	0.00		0.00%
						Total Capital Reserve funds		267.72	411,209.37	427,607.09		
Capital Reserves Yield =				0.06%								
Total Capital Reserve & Trust Funds												732,596.58
												706,419.27

100.0%

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND MARRIAGES IN 2016

<i>Names</i>	<i>Residences</i>	<i>Date of Marriage</i>	<i>Place of Marriage</i>
<i>James P. Newman / Kristina H. Gomarlo</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH</i>	<i>05/21/16</i>	<i>Swanzey, NH</i>
<i>Elizabeth P. McCann / Linda M. Wood</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH</i>	<i>07/30/16</i>	<i>Henniker, NH</i>
<i>Peter K. Bergeron / Bonnie C. Birge</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH</i>	<i>10/01/16</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH</i>
<i>Kyle W. Bisson / Anna M. Harris</i>	<i>Portsmouth, NH Westmoreland, NH</i>	<i>10/01/16</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH</i>
<i>Winston Roy Saisman, Jr./ Cassie Marie Kohler</i>	<i>Vernon, VT Vernon, VT</i>	<i>11/18/16</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH</i>
<i>Kelcey Lawrence Smith / Corynn Marie Larkin</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH</i>	<i>12/31/2016</i>	<i>Rindge, NH</i>

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND BIRTHS IN 2016

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Baby's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Name/ Father's Name</i>
<i>03/12/16</i>	<i>Lebanon, NH</i>	<i>Ethan John Cooke</i>	<i>Sarah Cooke /</i>
<i>03/19/16</i>	<i>Keene, NH</i>	<i>Xander Fitzgerald Nilan-Gill</i>	<i>Leigh Niland /Jason Gill</i>
<i>04/10/16</i>	<i>Keene, NH</i>	<i>Sylvia Dawn Zamore</i>	<i>Erin Zamore /Ryan Zamore</i>
<i>05/07/16</i>	<i>Keene, NH</i>	<i>Benjamin Walker Arrow</i>	<i>Jessica (Lynch) Arrow /Jason Arrow</i>
<i>05/09/16</i>	<i>Keene, NH</i>	<i>Grason Robert MacIntyre</i>	<i>Jessica Farnsworth/Andrew MacIntyre</i>
<i>06/06/16</i>	<i>Keene, NH</i>	<i>Emersyn Rose Tkatch</i>	<i>Ashley Sampson / Martyn Tkatch</i>
<i>07/15/16</i>	<i>Westmoreland, NH</i>	<i>Jameson Emmett Cassin</i>	<i>Madelynn (Smith) Cassin / Seth Cassin</i>
<i>08/07/16</i>	<i>Keene, NH</i>	<i>Austin Richard Campbell</i>	<i>Stephanie (Phillips) Campbell/Alan Campbell II</i>
<i>08/19/16</i>	<i>Keene, NH</i>	<i>Kamryn Arthur William Armstrong</i>	<i>Ashley Haselton / Kurtis Armstrong</i>
<i>10/03/16</i>	<i>Lebanon, NH</i>	<i>William Kent Bridges</i>	<i>Christina (Ravens) Bridges / John Bridges</i>
<i>10/21/16</i>	<i>Keene, NH</i>	<i>Bentley Matthew Knox</i>	<i>Kimberly Knox / John Knox, Jr.</i>
<i>11/09/16</i>	<i>Peterborough, NH</i>	<i>Audrey Jean Kurimay</i>	<i>Jean Larghi / Zachary Kurimay</i>
<i>11/25/16</i>	<i>Lebanon, NH</i>	<i>Jacob Evans Goodell</i>	<i>Rachel Ramsey /Tyker Goodell</i>

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND DEATHS IN WESTMORELAND - 2016

(Not at Maplewood)

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Father's Name /Mother's Name</i>
04/28/2016	Edwin F. Sienkiewicz	125 Cross Road	Henry Sienkiewicz / Bernice Karbowski
08/03/2016	David Robert Leinster	567 Route 63	Charles Leinster / Eunice Houde
09/24/2016	Lorrie J. Valentine	Route 12	Stanley D Castor, Sr. / Carolyn Smith
09/28/2016	George A. Laine, Jr.	767 Route 63	George A. Laine /Alice Watterson

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND DEATHS - OUT OF TOWN IN 2016

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Father's Name / Mother's Name</i>
01/22/2016	Lebanon, NH	Virginia Grohe Paine	Frederick Grohe / Emilie Waunagat
04/21/2016	Peterborough, NH	Maitland Eugene Hudson	Alonzo Floyd Hudson/Marjorie Aldrich
05/02/2016	Keene, NH	Frank Harold Field	Rufus Field / Eva Finch
05/06/2016	Denver, CO	Susan Leslie	Joseph Gallagher / Anne Clark
07/09/2016	Winchester, NH	Earl B. Spaulding, Jr.	Earl B. Spaulding, Sr. /Mildred Mecham
07/18/2016	Keene, NH	Elwin W. Messer	Charles W. Messer /Maude E. Greene
07/28/2016	Franklin Regional Hosp.	Horace A. Kingsbury, Sr.	Edward Kingsbury /Ellen ---
07/28/2016	Winchester, NH	Wayne A. Salo	Frank Regan /Katherine Salo
10/25/2016	Kenai, AK	Bruce Russell Hall	Bernard Hall /Marjorie Hatt
10/30/2016	Lebanon, NH	Earl W. Kathan, Sr.	Clark Kathan /Emma Felch
11/03/2016	Lebanon, NH	George Lincoln	George Lincoln /Pauline Jeury
12/19/2016	Keene, NH	Brenda Joyce Hatt	Owen Hutchins / Helen McClaren
12/31/2016	Keene, NH	Ralph L. "Rudy" Werninger	Ludwig Werninger / Emmy Grube

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND BURIALS IN 2016

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Date of Burial</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Cemetery Buried</i>
Francis J. Driscoll, Jr.	07/17/16	07/25/16	Keene, NH	East Cemetery
Frank H. Field	05/02/16	05/09/16	Keene, NH	North Cemetery
Michael J. French	11/07/16	11/21/16	Norwich, CT	S.Village Cemetery
Earl W. Kathan, Sr.	10/30/16	11/06/16	Lebanon, NH	S.Village Cemetery
Robert Edward Kingsbury	06/02/16	06/22/16	Falmouth, MA	North Cemetery
Elwin W. Messer	07/18/16	07/25/16	Keene, NH	S.Village Cemetery
Virginia Grohe Paine	01/22/16	08/07/16	Lebanon, NH	Gline Cemetery
Rose-Marie Provencher-Burns	03/20/16	05/07/16		S.Village Cemetery
Eleanor Hood Putnam	08/18/16	11/19/16	Westmoreland, NH	North Cemetery

TOWN OF WESTMORELAND MAPLEWOOD RESIDENTS - IN TOWN 2016

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Name</i>
01/01/16	Lee Warren MacKenzie	Warren A MacKenzie	Arlie M Case
01/18/16	Eleanor M Rice	Carroll Rice	Lillian Gibbs
02/15/16	Nellie A Ball	Homer Ingalls	Nellie G Russell
03/07/16	Katherine Alina Howard	Louis Birdsong	Celia Wirein
03/08/16	Blanche Rose Nadeau Higley	Armedos Cote	Antoinette ---
03/18/16	Madeleine R Cote	Alexandre Labrecque	Marie-Rose Carrier
03/27/16	Mario R Dedo	Guerino Dedomenico	Vincenza DiMeco a/k/a William Dedo
03/31/16	Joseph A LaBarre, Sr	Ernest J LaBarre, Sr	Melinda M Jolley
04/09/16	Mildred Annie Pearson	Reginald Barlow	Sarah Limb
04/12/16	Sue Ferguson	Rudolph Nichols	Gertrude Moyon
04/19/16	John Blair Vaine	George Vaine	Lena Blaine
04/21/16	Samantha J Dupont	Darryl Dupont	Marlo J Roberts Carter
04/25/16	Jeannette G Welch	Arthur Greenwood	Marie Fournier
05/16/16	Mildred A O'Brien	Richard Smith	Isabell Magoon
05/22/16	Raymond R Blanchard	John Blanchard	Pauline Helen Martin
05/29/16	June Klinge Fuerderer	William Klinge	Harriet Wagner
05/29/16	Terrance Peter "Terry" Qualters	Edward Qualters	Vera Drugg
07/16/16	Margaret Jean Senechal	William B Ridley	Dorothy J C Russell
07/19/16	Sandra T Lewis	Joseph Trate	Isabelle McCabe
07/20/16	Irene J Melchor	John Chakalos	Jeanette Strifas
08/09/16	Mary A Stedman	Fred Baldwin	Jessie Stone
08/18/16	Eleanor Ethel Hood Putnam	Alden Boyd	Lillian Smith
08/31/16	Mary K Wehner	John Madeau	Regina Mancini
09/25/16	Darlene J Canon-Harvey	John B Dirienzo	Pauline Helen Martin
09/30/16	Rita Duhaime	Louis Couture	Lydia Gamache
10/09/16	Anne F Blouin	Robert Mitchell	Anne Leary
10/11/16	Aivars Joe Meijers	Alexander Meijers	Sylvia Dore
11/19/16	Regina A Lafond Whitcomb	Richard Lafond	Rosanna Beauvais
11/26/16	Alice Mason	Walter Bowen	Mary ---
12/21/16	Josephine H Goss	Rolla Smith	Delia Lawrence

MAPLEWOOD RESIDENT DEATHS - OUT OF TOWN IN 2016

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Father</i>	<i>Mother</i>
11/15/2016	Barbara Dubriske	Keene, NH	William Dubriske	Julia Oski

OTHER MAPLEWOOD DEATHS IN 2016 (No Record of Parents Given)

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Name</i>
03/02/2016	Jennie Elizabeth Wood	09/21/2016	Joan T. Taylor
04/04/2016	Diana Bertin	09/25/2016	Darlene J. Harvey
07/07/2016	Sue Flessa	10/19/2016	Eva E. Arkinstall
08/03/2016	Gladys Moore	11/05/2016	Darwin Roy Rogers

SCHOOL BOARD

Kurt R. Martin - Stuart R. Adams - Michael J. Acemo, Jr. – Tiffanie Hills – Dean R. Priebe

MODERATOR

Bruce Smith

CLERK

Deb Nelson

TREASURER

Melissa Lemnah

AUDITOR

Plodzik & Sanderson

N.H. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 29 ADMINISTRATION

Robert H. Malay, Superintendent of Schools

Dan Black, Assistant Superintendent

Timothy L. Ruehr, SAU 29 Business Administrator

Janel Swanson, Business Administrator for Towns

Nancy Deutsch, Manager of Human Resources

Elizabeth Dunn, Interim Director of Student Services

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Westmoreland qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Westmoreland Town Hall in said District on the 14th day of March, 2017, at 11:00 am in the forenoon to act upon the following article. Polls will open at 11:00 am, and will close no later than the time of closing the polls for the election of town officials at 7:00 pm.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary school district officers:

Two School Board Members for three-year terms

One School Board Member for two-year term

A Moderator for one-year term

A Clerk for one-year term

A Treasurer for the ensuing year beginning July 1, 2017

Given under our hands at said Westmoreland, this 13th day of February, 2017.

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL BOARD

Kurt R. Martin, Chair, Michael J. Acerno, Jr., Stuart R. Adams, Tiffanie Hills, Dean R. Priebe

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Westmoreland qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Westmoreland School Gymnasium in said district on the 17th day of March, 2017, at 7:00 O'clock in the evening to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee's recommended amount of \$3,946,697 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. The school board also recommends \$3,946,697.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Westmoreland School Board and the Westmoreland Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

YEAR	Estimated Increase
2017-18	\$15,463
2018-19	\$24,773
2019-20	\$24,896

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,463 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid the prior fiscal year. *(The Westmoreland Budget Committee and the Westmoreland School Board support favorable action on this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 4: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of replacing the roof on the north side of the main building, and further to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$15,000 from the School Renovation Capital Reserve Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001 for the purpose of major renovation/reconstruction of school buildings and related costs, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland Budget Committee and School Board recommend this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 5: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate up to Three Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$3,900) to be transferred to the Legal Capital Reserve Fund established by voters on March 14, 2014, for the purpose of paying legal costs, or to take any other action in relation thereto. Said funds will be transferred from the unassigned fund balance, if any remain on hand at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2017. *(The Westmoreland Budget Committee and School Board recommend this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 6: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate up to Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be transferred to the School Renovation Capital Reserve Fund established by voters on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of major renovation/reconstruction of school buildings and related costs, or to take any other action in relation thereto. Said funds will be transferred from the unassigned fund balance, if any remain on hand at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2017. If there is an insufficient unassigned fund balance as of June 30, 2017, to fund this appropriation and the appropriation in Article 5 (Legal Capital Reserve Fund), Article 5 will be funded first, with any additional unassigned fund balance to be applied to this warrant article. *(The Westmoreland Budget Committee and School Board recommend this warrant article.)*

ARTICLE 7: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Westmoreland, this 10th day of February, 2017.

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL BOARD

*Kurt R. Martin, Chair
Michael J. Acerno, Jr.
Stuart R. Adams
Tiffanie Hills
Dean R. Priebe*

Westmoreland School District Meeting
March 11, 2016

Moderator Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance with attendees. The National Anthem was played by Maria Majewski and H. Lee Ackerman IV.

Moderator Smith introduced the SAU 29 personnel in attendance this evening: Superintendent Robb Malay and Business Administrator Janel Swanson. Also introduced was Principal Mark Hayward, Jr.

Moderator Smith read Article I: *To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.* Mr. Michael Acerno moved Article I and it was seconded by Mr. Dean Priebe.

Moderator Smith asked for discussion, hearing none, asked for a voice vote, Article I passed.

Moderator Smith read Article II: *To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee's recommended amount of \$3,910,472 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. The school board also recommends \$3,910,472.* Mr. Michael Acerno moved Article I, seconded by Mr. Dean Priebe.

Moderator Smith asked for discussion. Mr. Michael Acerno outlined the areas of the budget that have increased that included: A very small class will graduate from KHS this year and a large class will be going to KHS causing a significant increase with tuition. A 10% increase in the Guidance Counselor position. The Art position will be shared with other districts and Westmoreland will be responsible for a portion of the benefits, anticipation of a 15% increase in health insurance premiums, and interest for the bond. Not hearing any more discussion Moderator Smith asked for a voice vote, Article II passed.

Moderator Smith read Article III: *To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate up to Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000) for the purpose of replacing the roof on the south side of the main building and the gymnasium roof, and further to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$65,000 from the School Renovation Capital Reserve Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001 for the purpose of major renovation/reconstruction of school buildings and related costs, or to take any other action in relation thereto. (The Westmoreland Budget Committee and School Board recommend this warrant article.)* Mr. Michael Acerno moved Article III, seconded by Mr. Dean Priebe.

Moderator Smith asked for discussion: Mr. Stuart Adams outlined the roofing project for the gym and the south side of the original building. With no other discussion Moderator Smith asked for a voice vote, Article III passed.

Moderator Smith read Article IV: *To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the school board to transfer up to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to the School Renovation Capital Reserve Fund established by voters on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of major renovation/reconstruction of school buildings and related costs, or to take any other action in relation thereto. Said funds will be transferred from the unassigned fund balance, if any remain on hand at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2016. (The Westmoreland Budget Committee and School Board recommend this warrant article.)* Mr. Michael Acerno moved Article IV, seconded by Mr. Dean Priebe.

Moderator Smith asked for discussion. Mr. Stuart Adams explained that this Article is only funded if there are unencumbered funds remaining at the end of the year. With no other discussion Moderator Smith asked for a voice vote, Article IV passed.

Moderator Smith read Article V: *To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.* Mr. Michael Acerno moved Article V, seconded by Mr. Dean Priebe.

Moderator Smith asked for discussion: Mr. Mark Hayward, Jr. pointed out the three new paintings that are hanging above the gym entrance that were painted by Mrs. Michelle Priebe and donated to the school. Mr. Kurt Martin read a resolution for past Board Member Mrs. Debra Hunter:

A RESOLUTION
Adopted March 11, 2016

WHEREAS, *Debra Hunter has served the School District of Westmoreland as a school board member for five years and four months, one of those years as vice-chairperson, four of those years with distinction as chairperson; and,*

WHEREAS, *Debra Hunter served on the Advisory Committee; Keene Education Committee; the A.R.E.A. Board; the Bullying Committee; the Health and Wellness Committee; and served as Liaison to PTO and as the Selectmen Liaison; and,*

WHEREAS, *Debra Hunter has been a loyal advocate for the students, teachers and staff of Westmoreland School; and,*

WHEREAS, *Debra Hunter has always conducted her duties diligently and promptly, and has given her time and expertise in a manner truly reflecting her genuine interest in the Town of Westmoreland, its children and the future; and,*

WHEREAS, *Debra Hunter's commitment to education has been evidenced by her willingness to talk with, and listen to, community members to become better informed as to the needs and wants of the community; and,*

WHEREAS, *Debra Hunter has held high expectations for herself and other board members relative to the decision making and policy development processes; and,*

WHEREAS, *Debra Hunter is experienced, knowledgeable and dedicated; she will be missed; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *that the School District of Westmoreland, in grateful acknowledgement of Debra Hunter's numerous contributions and five years and four months of service, honor itself by causing a copy of this resolution to be entered into the records of the District as a permanent tribute to Mrs. Hunter, and that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Hunter.*

**THE WESTMORELAND
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

A motion by Mr. Michael Acerno to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra J Nelson
District Clerk

Westmoreland School District
Election of Officers
March 8, 2016

At a legal meeting of the voters of the Town of Westmoreland, Cheshire County, State of New Hampshire, held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 the following votes of those present and qualified to vote for Westmoreland School District officials were, by them in open meeting, given to Moderator, and said Moderator, in said meeting, in the presence of the Town Clerk and other election officials, and assisted by them, made a public declaration of the name of every person voted for:

R. Bruce Smith, School District Moderator, 1 year
Michael Acerno, School Board 3 years
Dean Priebe, School Board 3 years
Melissa Lemnah, School District Treasurer, 1 year
Debra J. Nelson, School District Clerk, 1 year

A true copy of record attest:

Debra J. Nelson
School District Clerk

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

The Westmoreland School District does not discriminate in its educational programs, activities or employment practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies: Nancy Deutsch, Title IX Coordinator for School Administrative Unit 29, and Director of Human Resources, 193 Maple Avenue, Keene, New Hampshire 03431, telephone number (603) 357-9002 ext. 213.

Complaints regarding compliance with Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - Section 504 should be submitted in writing to Elizabeth Dunn, Interim Director of Student Services, 193 Maple Avenue, Keene, New Hampshire 03431, telephone number (603) 357-9001 ext. 232.

Robert H. Malay
Superintendent of Schools

[Source: Notice of Non-Discrimination, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights (August 2010); Title IX Resource Guide, U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, at 6-7 (April 2015).]

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

Cash on hand July 1, 2015 (Treasurer's bank balance) \$ 102,033.48

RECEIPTS

Current Tax Appropriation	2,531,444.00
Revenue from State Sources	902,189.89
Revenue from Federal Sources	9,450.00
Received from all other sources	538,976.47

Total Receipts	3,982,060.36
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TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR (Balance + Receipts) \$ 4,084,093.84

EXPENSES

SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID \$3,939,674.77

Balance on hand June 30, 2016 (Treasurer's Bank Balance) \$ 144,419.07

DETAIL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

FROM WHOM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Bank	Interest	890.07
Federal Government	REAP	9,450.00
Other	Workshop refund from BER	344.00
Other	Tuition reimbursement from SAU	7,908.18
Other	Bond Payment	435,000.00
Other	Overpayment refund on payroll taxes	141.12
Other	Payroll refund from employee	383.00
Other	Refund from NH retirement system	44.74
Other	Fairpoint E-rate	6,466.86
Other	SAU - Healthtrust	23,753.19
Other	Refund from Bath contract	129.71
Other	Eversource refund	37,127.50
Other	NH Retirement	19.48
Other	Workers comp refund	214.67
Other	Refund from LaValley	410.32
Parents	Lunch Program	24,557.75
Parents	Transportation (bus money)	1,285.88
Parents	Tuition Payments	300.00
State of NH	Adequate Education	219,306.00
State of NH	Building Aid	26,730.00
State of NH	Cat Aid	22,551.31
State of NH	Equitable Aid	511,717.00
State of NH	IDEA	51,782.82
State of NH	Medicaid	10,341.89
State of NH	Medicare	3,782.99
State of NH	Project Reimbursement	2,579.11
State of NH	Title I	18,798.31
State of NH	Title II	8,477.86
State of NH	USDA	26,122.60
Town	Tax Appropriation	2,531,444.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS DURING YEAR		3,982,060.36

Melissa A. Lemnah, District Treasurer

WESTMORELAND STAFF & GRADUATES

Westmoreland School 2015-2016 Staff

Mark Hayward-Principal
Kendra DiLegge-School Counselor
Debra Nelson-Secretary

Zak Blake-80% SPED Teacher
Rachael Fowler-Kindergarten Teacher
Stacy Riendeau-Grade 1
Karen Durling-Grade 2
Leslie Carlson-Grade 3
Henry Bailly-Grade 4
Caragh McManus- (5) MS Mathematics
Cheryl Patty- (6) MS Science
Melissa Crotto- (7) Young-MS Langue Arts
Paul Deschenes- (8) MS Social Studies
David Sontag-PE/Health
Danielle Barney-Reading Specialist
Robert Stack-Media Generalist
Kristin Hertzler-Music
Leigh Niland-Art
Greenough Nowakoski-Spanish

Jill Gourley-Nurse
Marcia Winchester-Kitchen Manager
Helen Kendall-Kitchen Aide
Robert Miles-Custodian
Mike Finnell-Custodian

Amy Royce-Title One
Susanne Bates-Title One
Kathy Sportello-SPED Aide
Beth Pearce-SPED Aide
Nancy McKenna-Classroom Aide
Jamie Day-Aide
Sabrina Adams-Aide
David Maclean-Aide

Westmoreland Graduates

8th GRADE

Riley Chamberlin
Ovid Cote
Hunter Cooper
Cheyenne Descoteaux
Kylee Dewey
Emilia Fitzherbert
Adelyne Hayward
Gabriel Howe
Kaitlyn Lemnah
Megan Michaud
Madlyn Miner
Reese Olmstead
Ivan Paju
Gunnar Shonbeck
Taylor Spooner

12TH GRADE

Danielle Acerno
Garrett Adams
Isaac Cleveland
Megan Dille
Dylan Greenwood
Megan Harvey
Rylee Hayes
Tanner Huntley
Grayson King
Amanda Laine
Lillyanna Lamoureux
Hannah Majewski
Jacob Matthews
Joseph Moses
Emma Piers
Brandon Poklemba
Emma Priebe
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DISTRICT REPORT

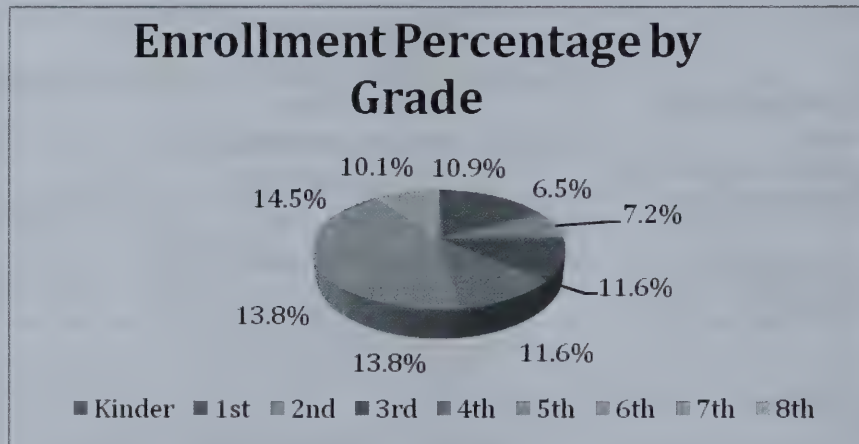
Mission Statement of the Westmoreland School

At Westmoreland School, we believe that quality education is a fundamental right of all children. The education and social development of each child is the shared responsibility of the community, school, parents, and the child. We strive to provide each child with the skills they will need to face the challenges of a changing world. As a community of lifelong learners, we will treat each other as worthwhile individuals.

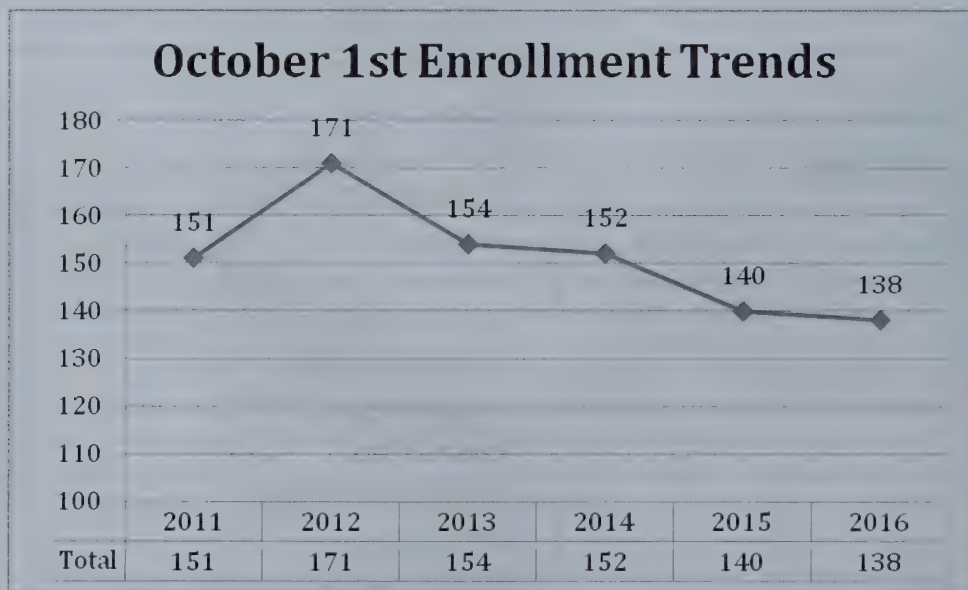
Enrollment

This year we are excited to welcome 16 kindergarten students to Westmoreland School, bringing our overall enrollment as of January 2017 to 140 students. Here are the current class sizes:

K-16 1-9 2-10 3-15 4-16 5-19 6-19 7-21 8-15



A look at the enrollment trend from 2011-2016 (as of October 1st)



School Facility Maintenance

This past summer we continued to work on our long term facility maintenance plan with some improvements to the facility of our school that were clearly needed, such as the new roof on the gym and on the south side of the Elementary School wing. The metal roof on the Middle School wing was also professionally prepped and painted to maintain and extend its life. (This coming summer we hope to finish the roof job with the completion of the north side of the Elementary School Wing.) We also have continued our ongoing program of a cycle of exterior and interior painting each summer and resealed the parking lot again as well, in order to preserve it as long as possible.

Community Connection

All schools in the SAU got new websites at the start of this year, and our new website (wes.sau29.org) is a great way to see what is going on at Westmoreland School. The weekly "Principal's Post" newsletter is right there on our homepage so you can find out the latest about what is happening at the school, just click on the date below "weekly newsletter." Please feel free to email me at mhayward@sau29.org if you have any questions. One question I do get asked from time to time, is if there is a fund at the school that people could donate to in order to help students who may have some extra needs? The answer is yes, we have a "Student Assistance Fund" that is made up of donations from staff and any community members who would like to help out. The funds go toward helping students pay for activities (American Heritage Tour, field trips, etc.) in order to ensure that no student misses out on a special learning opportunity due to lack of funds. (Note: And we still take Box Tops to help with areas of need as well!)

The **Student of the Month Lion's Club Luncheon** is now in its 6th year and we are happy to be able to continue it again with the generous support of the Westmoreland Lion's Club. Residents are welcome to stop by and see the pictures of the honored students with their certificates of recognition, which are proudly displayed in the front lobby of the school. We also would like to thank the Lion's Club for continuing to work with us in financially supporting our yearly reward event for students.

The PTA Fun Run has been a great community event and was again a success this past year and will continue to be as long as more people come forward to help lead the effort. We would love to increase the amount of participants (of all ages and abilities) that we had this past spring. Please come and walk, run, or just volunteer along the course and cheer on our participants. The Westmoreland Public Library has also consistently been a great partner presenting outstanding programs for our young readers who look forward to their visits to the library and we appreciate the incredible outreach work the library staff puts together.

New Faculty

This year we have been pleased to welcome our new music teacher, Kristin Hertzler, and new art teacher, Leigh Niland. They have fit right in as new members of our team. (In sports, we were glad to welcome Peter Zampella as our boys' soccer coach and our own Mr. Sontag stepped up to be our boys' basketball coach.)

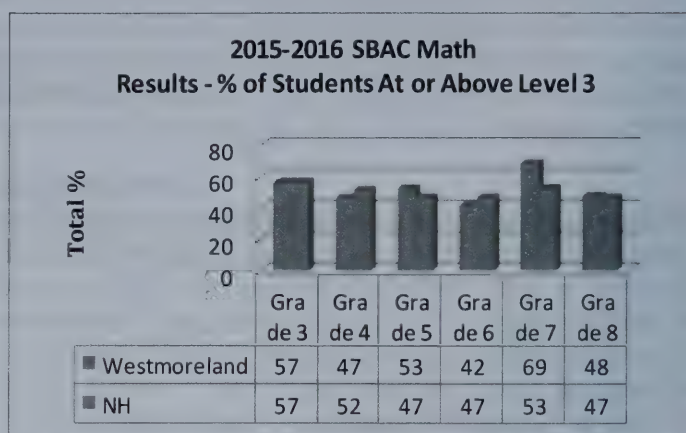
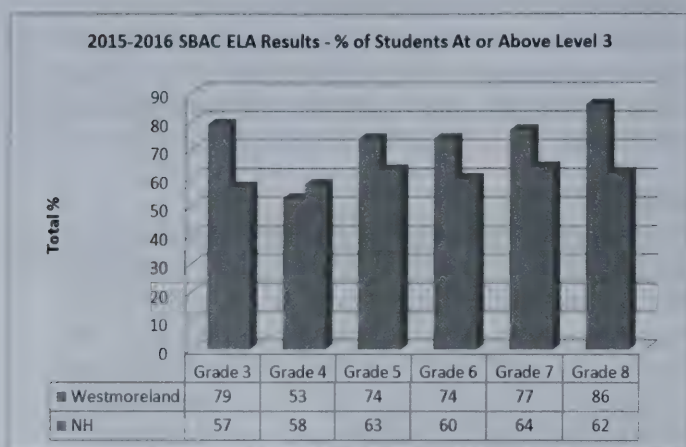
Arts and Enrichment

Our students continue to enjoy and benefit from our fine arts program and we will continue to display great examples of our student's art work in the front lobby case and in the multi-purpose room for everyone to enjoy. We also continue to have the New Hampshire Dance Institute (NHDI) program each week for grades 4-8, with a large number of students who will perform over Memorial Day weekend at Keene State College. For our younger students we had an excellent NHDI residency program here led by Lisa Cook for grades K-3.

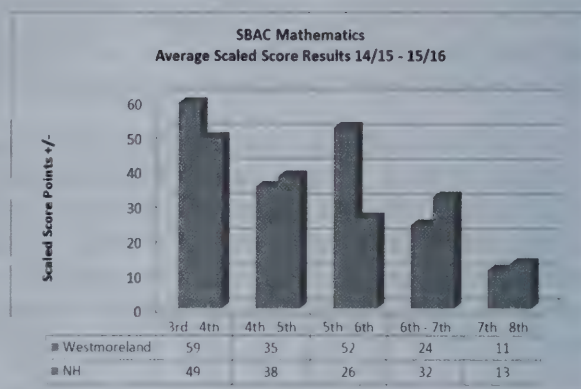
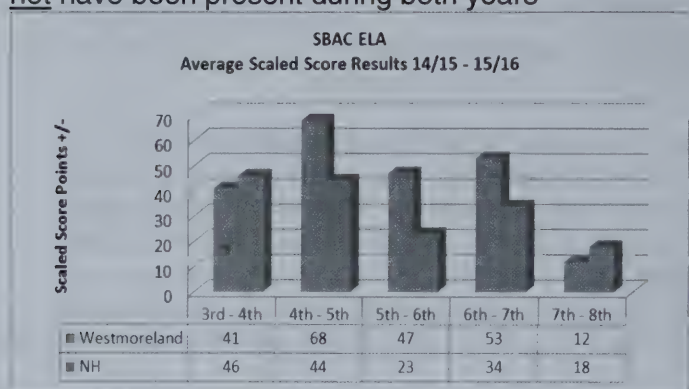
At the time of writing this report we had recently completed our school championship of the National Geography Bee. Congratulations to our new Geography Bee Champion, **Gunnar Shonbeck**! Gunnar won in the championship tie-breaker round over our runner-up, Ian Bergeron. We also just had our scheduled annual Spelling Bee Championship. Congratulations to our new Spelling Bee Champion, **James Farrington**! James won in the championship round over our runner-up, Reese Olmstead.

SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT RESULTS

****Results for all students who were at the school at the end of the assessment administration****



****Indicator of Cohort Growth:** The following charts show the average number of scaled score points added to a cohort group from one grade to the next. For example, the 3rd grade during 2014-2015 compared to the 4th grade during 2015-2016. Note – students that are represented in these results may not have been present during both years**



Academics

We would like to congratulate Lydia Bunzel as the Valedictorian and Erin Scanlan as the Salutatorian of the Westmoreland School graduating class of 2016. We had 21 students participate in the commencement ceremonies and move on to Keene High School where they have been doing very well.

Athletics and Wellness

This past fall we again had a large number of students participate in the 5th Annual DeMar Kid's Marathon, where students had to log in at least 25 miles of running over the summer and then complete one final mile during marathon day to make it an overall marathon length achievement. All of this and more is part of the bigger Healthy Monadnock 2020 (formerly Vision 2020) community initiative.

Westmoreland School has been a **Healthy Monadnock School Champion** for several years now. Recently, we met with the new School Champions coordinator and reviewed our school policies and culture to see how they match up with the new recognition system. We are proud to announce that we have earned all of the four possible badges of achievement in the areas of **1) Physically Active, 2) Tobacco Free, 3) Well Nourished and 4) Building Resiliency**. We are proud of our students, staff, and families and all they do to support staying healthy in these areas. The badges are now proudly displayed in the front windows of our school.

On the middle school sports front, it was a great soccer season with another beautiful weekend for our annual tournament. (This year the girl's team lost to Chesterfield in the finals) Our basketball teams have also had a nice start to the season this winter, and we are looking forward to another strong spring season for our baseball and softball teams.

WYSI (formerly WYSBO)

As always, the Westmoreland Youth Sports group (Led by Board: Gina Gitchell, Craig Day, Kevin Hildreth, Melissa Lemnah, Michelle Priebe, and Christy Dewey) is a huge asset to all our sports programs at the school and around the town, tirelessly putting together numerous opportunities for participation, helping to maintain athletic facilities, and fundraising to support our programs. Thank you especially to Christy Dewey and everyone else who worked so hard to make the soccer tournament another success.

Community Service

During the 2015-16 school year, the middle school students at Westmoreland School compiled the impressive totals of 561 hours of community service! That totals up to 14.025 40-hour work-weeks, or 70.125 8-hour days of helping their community! Recipients of these efforts by our student body were...

Melissa Lemnah's Soccer Camp, Cedarcrest, Cheshire County 4-H, Westmoreland School, NEMBA Bike Day at Stonewall Farm, Westmoreland Fire Department, Keene Community Kitchen, Keene Montessori, PTA, Genesis Health Care-Westwood, SnoBelters, our school's Mock Election, Town Band, road cleanup, Keene YMCA, school ball fields, neighbors, "Journey Bags" for homeless, Pilgrim Pines, Monadnock Covenant Church, Fast Friends, NHDl, Girl Scouts, Clarence DeMar Marathon, town cemeteries, Ronald MacDonald House, Walpole Village School, Pennsylvania Wild Elk Relocation, Pisgah Park, Keene Youth Football, Keene Knights Football, and the Minutemen Boston Terrier Dog Show.

The Middle School Student Council's **Annual Food Pantry Fundraiser was again a great success.** Instead of collecting "Food" this year, the Middle School Student Council collected money in order to purchase HannaFord "Food Boxes." Their goal was to purchase 35 boxes @ \$10.00 each or \$350, but they instead raised triple that amount with \$1050.

Westmoreland Students at Keene High School

In December, Keene High School Principal Jim Logan and Assistant Principal Bill Chiasson reported on how Westmoreland Students were doing at KHS. During school year 2015-2016 Westmoreland had 64 students at KHS with 61% of our high school students participating in a grand total of 69 student activities. Westmoreland students took a total of 8 advanced placement courses which represents 3% of the total at KHS. Our student attendance rate (97.3%) was in keeping with the KHS average (97.0%) and our students' grade point average (3.01) was above the school average (2.85).

SATs

2015-2016 was a transition year for the SATs. Juniors and Seniors are now tested in the following areas:

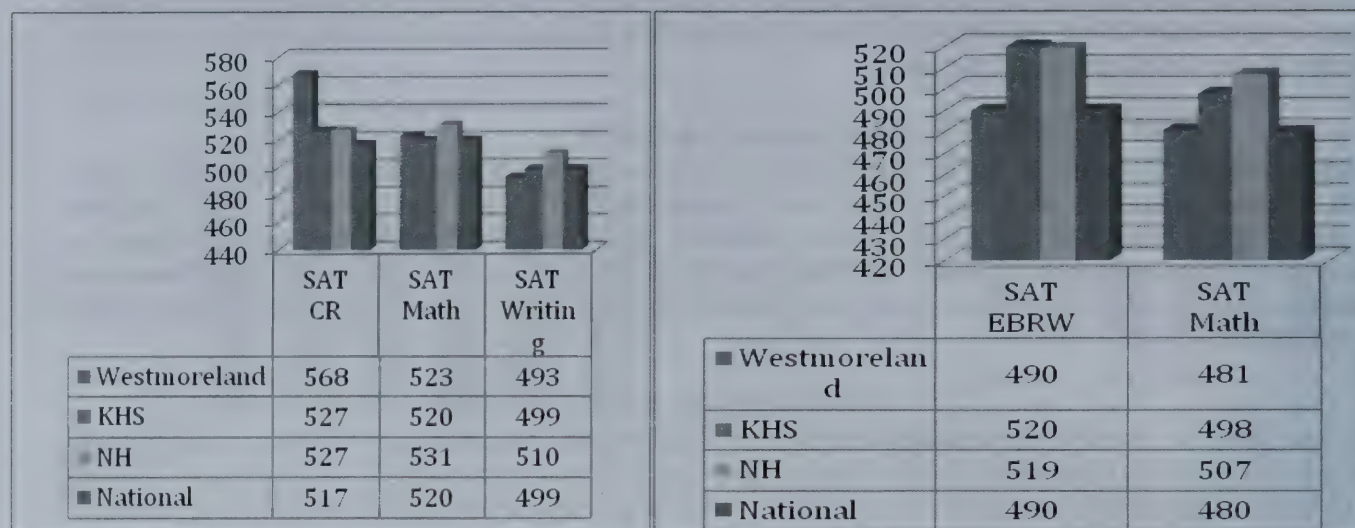
Juniors – (2 scores)

- Evidence-Based
- Reading & Writing (EBRW)
- Math

Seniors – (3 scores)

- Critical Reading CR)
- Math
- Writing

Below is a look at how our Westmoreland students performed on the SAT:



SENIORS

Westmoreland PTA

The PTA (led by Jennifer Harville, Ellen Lavasseur, Tiffany Hills, Bonnie Royea, and Amy Farrington) has continued to be a strong supporter of Westmoreland School this year and has run some great programs for our school community. They donate funds for staff members to purchase additional resources and pursue special initiatives and are very generous with requests for financial support for special initiatives. Besides many other activities they also organize the back-to-school Meet and Greet in August, Teacher Appreciation Week, Reflections Program, Book Fair, School/Town Calendar, and the Bulldog 4 Fun Run.

You can still help the PTA and Westmoreland School with your shopping choices. The PTA Amazon Smiles program, where you can simply go to this site: <http://smile.amazon.com/> search for Westmoreland PTA, and then it's just regular shopping on Amazon with PTA getting the proceeds.

Volunteers

We would like to thank our volunteers in the America Reads program that come here every week and work with our young learners. They are Ann Ray, Carol Austin, and Kathy Cox. We are thankful for their time, commitment, and dedication. We thank Jen Harville, Amy Farrington, Michelle Priebe, and Anne Chamberlin for all their hard work on the Reflections Program. Kristen Chamberlin for assisting Stacy Riendeau with the spring talent show, and Jaime Russell for leading the book fair, and all the parents who volunteered that week. In sports, Tom Patty for helping with baseball and for all the parents who coached the Rec. sports teams throughout the year. Finally, sorry to all I may have missed, as there are many other people out there who give their time and effort to help our school in many different ways and for this we are grateful.

Strategic Plan

Efforts are ongoing to establish a new strategic plan for SAU 29 in order to help provide a road map of support for all schools. A plethora of areas to be addressed in the plan include, but are not limited to:

Student support	Hiring of staff	Budget/financial
Education technology	Curriculum Instruction and Assessment	

The plan will cover best practices in education to include a restructuring of the delivery of services for students with unique needs; a later start at Keene High School; and a clear focus on the competencies taught in classrooms.

Competency-Based Grading

Keene High School is leading the charge in this effort working throughout the school year to determine competency expectations for the entire school as well as by individual courses within each department. The goal is to bring competencies into practice over the course of the next school year in order to fully implement by the 2018-2019 school year. The high school staff is working to define competencies and based on initial feedback, further refine so that the competencies become a practical component of instruction. Town school districts are looking at standards-based report cards to better communicate what students can and cannot do in regard to specific content areas.

Common Vision

In January 2016, a survey was distributed to all stakeholders seeking input into the components most valued in our education system. Principals from Keene High School, Fuller, Symonds, Chesterfield and Harrisville participated in the process of creating the survey which garnered 1,500 responses with the aggregate results used to craft a shared vision statement for the SAU. Results of the survey indicated that the top three priorities for stakeholders were: meeting individual student needs; providing instruction in a variety of ways; and a rigorous curriculum. The final result – **“Inspiring and Empowering Every Student to Succeed.”**

Communications

Karen Hatcher, Public Information Coordinator for SAU 29 started on October 31, 2016 and since that time has significantly increased the visits to the SAU 29 Facebook page.

SAU29 Facebook Page (September 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016)

December Total Post Impressions: 47,051

Ms. Hatcher processed 79 publicity requests and covered 16 school or district events in the month of December. Ms. Hatcher recently implemented a marketing internship pilot program to identify potential projects and develop marketing plans. Seniors Jason Abello, Grayson King, Jessica Tattersall and Dylan Grover have been selected as interns to work with Ms. Hatcher on marketing initiatives.

Restructuring

Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, the Central Office will move forward with one Assistant Superintendent who will oversee the twelve building principals in order to provide consistency for all schools within SAU 29. The position has been posted and a search committee will form shortly. Additionally, the Information Technology Director search did not yield the desired results therefore, an Interim IT manager has been appointed until an appropriate search can be conducted. Moving forward the position will be that of IT Manager. Also of note is the search for the Director of Student Services (formerly Director of Special Education) which is underway with a selection committee to form shortly. The newly defined position will now include the additional responsibility of overseeing 504 plans, school counselors and nurses as well as McKinney-Vento services.

Mark P. Hayward, Jr.
Principal

Kurt R. Martin
School Board Chair

Robert H. Malay
Superintendent of Schools

**WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED 2017-2018 BUDGET (SUMMARY)**

	Budget Committee's & School Board's				
	BUDGET 2015-16	ACTUAL 2015-16	BUDGET 2016-17	PROPOSED 2017-18	% CHANGE
					% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$2,162,942	\$1,755,730	\$2,147,590	\$2,047,507	-4.66%
ELEMENTARY DEBT SERVICE	\$94,700	\$95,407	\$143,150	\$137,665	-3.83%
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION	\$374,730	\$378,510	\$419,334	\$461,521	10.06%
					11.69%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST	\$2,632,372	\$2,229,647	\$2,710,074	\$2,646,693	-2.34%
					67.06%
HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS (Regular Education students)	\$750,240	\$731,901	\$875,748	\$926,940	5.85%
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORT (Reg)	\$54,943	\$53,239	\$56,238	\$57,886	2.93%
HIGH SCHOOL SPEC. INSTRUC.	\$209,040	\$159,552	\$182,910	\$147,255	-19.49%
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORT (Sp)	\$0	\$1,660	\$0	\$0	0.00%
					0.00%
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COST	\$1,014,223	\$946,352	\$1,114,896	\$1,132,081	1.54%
					28.68%
SAU #29	\$167,090	\$167,090	\$165,502	\$167,923	1.46%
					4.25%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$3,939,193	\$3,343,089	\$3,990,472	\$3,946,697	-1.10%
					100.00%
DEFICIT APPROPRIATION	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
TOTAL	\$3,939,193	\$3,343,089	\$3,990,472	\$3,946,697	-1.10%
					100.00%

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PROPOSED 2017-2018 BUDGET (SUMMARY)**

	BUDGET 2015-16	ACTUAL 2015-16	BUDGET 2016-17	Budget Committee's & School Board's PROPOSED 2017-18	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTION (GRADES K-8 - 134 Students Projected)						
REGULAR INSTRUCTION						
Salaries	\$654,137	\$658,223	\$689,070	\$666,511		
Benefits	\$300,495	\$303,865	\$374,736	\$357,492		
Purchased Instructional Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Repair Equipment	\$2,500	\$655	\$2,500	\$2,500		
Supplies/Workbooks/Textbooks	\$26,729	\$23,549	\$19,976	\$19,474		
Equipment	\$3,220	\$2,560	\$3,100	\$5,500		
Furniture	\$0	\$0	\$800	\$500		
TOTAL REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$987,081	\$988,851	\$1,090,182	\$1,051,977	-3.50%	26.65%
CO-CURRICULAR						
Salaries & Benefits	\$18,956	\$12,633	\$19,949	\$20,664		
Assemblies/Officials	\$2,996	\$4,356	\$2,996	\$3,046		
Supplies/Awards/Misc.	\$2,350	\$2,257	\$2,350	\$2,350		
Dues and Fees	\$3,105	\$2,096	\$3,123	\$2,855		
TOTAL EXTRACURRICULAR	\$27,407	\$21,342	\$28,418	\$28,915	1.75%	0.73%
SCHOOL SERVICES						
Guidance	\$32,217	\$32,066	\$38,608	\$37,504		
Health	\$25,124	\$25,038	\$25,975	\$26,237		
TOTAL SCHOOL SERVICES	\$57,341	\$57,104	\$64,583	\$63,741	-1.30%	1.62%

Budget Committee's & School Board's						
	BUDGET 2015-16	ACTUAL 2015-16	BUDGET 2016-17	PROPOSED 2017-18	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
STAFF DEVELOPMENT						
Continuum Salaries/Benefits	\$1,859	\$1,000	\$1,859	\$1,859		
Course Reimbursement	\$9,000	\$2,991	\$9,000	\$9,000		
Management Development	\$2,000	\$518	\$2,000	\$2,000		
Staff Development	\$4,000	\$3,222	\$4,000	\$4,000		
Travel	\$0	\$238	\$0	\$0		
Professional Books/Periodicals	\$200	\$73	\$200	\$200		
TOTAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT	\$17,059	\$8,042	\$17,059	\$17,059	0.00%	0.43%
EDUCATIONAL MEDIA						
Salary & Benefits	\$75,523	\$75,417	\$81,057	\$82,991		
Library Books & Supplies	\$3,000	\$2,310	\$3,000	\$3,000		
Equipment/Software	\$1,000	\$524	\$1,000	\$1,000		
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL MEDIA	\$79,523	\$78,251	\$85,057	\$86,991	2.27%	2.20%
SCHOOL BOARD/DISTRICT OFFICERS						
Salaries & Benefits	\$3,262	\$2,881	\$3,283	\$3,291		
Legal/Audit Services	\$8,450	\$8,200	\$8,600	\$8,600		
Other School District Expenses	\$2,225	\$937	\$1,225	\$1,225		
TOTAL SCH. BD./DIST. OFFICERS	\$13,937	\$12,017	\$13,108	\$13,116	0.06%	0.33%

	Budget Committee's & School Board's				
	BUDGET 2015-16	ACTUAL 2015-16	BUDGET 2016-17	PROPOSED 2017-18	% CHANGE % TOTAL BUDGET
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION					
Principal's Salary	\$79,695	\$79,695	\$81,369	\$83,403	
Secretary's Salary	\$34,846	\$32,464	\$32,004	\$32,804	
Benefits	\$46,060	\$58,577	\$64,533	\$71,023	
Copier / Maintenance	\$1,500	\$1,634	\$1,600	\$1,700	
Telephone	\$10,700	\$10,860	\$10,700	\$11,000	
Postage/Printing	\$700	\$663	\$700	\$700	
Supplies/Mileage	\$2,100	\$1,228	\$2,100	\$2,100	
Software	\$2,715	\$1,576	\$2,654	\$2,784	
Equipment/Furniture	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200	
Professional Dues	\$400	\$413	\$0	\$0	
TOTAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$178,916	\$187,111	\$195,860	\$205,714	5.03% 5.21%
BUILDING SERVICES					
Salaries	\$56,639	\$54,358	\$57,195	\$58,625	
Benefits	\$29,319	\$29,724	\$32,669	\$35,668	
Rubbish Removal	\$3,500	\$2,838	\$3,500	\$3,500	
Maintenance Services	\$16,300	\$9,036	\$16,450	\$16,450	
Repairs to Building	\$30,000	\$26,698	\$30,000	\$30,000	
Special Projects	\$0	\$0	\$65,000	\$0	
Property/Liability Insurance	\$5,750	\$5,610	\$5,750	\$5,750	
Supplies/Materials	\$10,000	\$11,108	\$10,000	\$10,000	
Electricity	\$24,500	\$23,259	\$24,500	\$24,500	
Oil/ Propane	\$31,250	\$11,140	\$18,800	\$15,480	
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
TOTAL BUILDING SERVICES	\$207,258	\$173,771	\$263,864	\$199,973	-24.21% 5.07%

	Budget Committee's & School Board's				
	BUDGET 2015-16	ACTUAL 2015-16	BUDGET 2016-17	PROPOSED 2017-18	% CHANGE
ELEMENTARY TRANSPORTATION					
Regular Elementary	\$141,281	\$138,205	\$152,059	\$156,621	
Athletic	\$2,900	\$2,948	\$2,900	\$2,900	
Field Trips	\$2,500	\$4,567	\$2,500	\$3,500	
TOTAL ELEMENTARY TRANSPORT.	\$146,681	\$145,719	\$157,459	\$163,021	3.53%
STAFF SERVICES					
Student Loan Repay	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	
Criminal Record Check/ Staff Physicals	\$1,000	\$1,075	\$1,000	\$1,000	
TOTAL STAFF SERVICES	\$2,000	\$1,075	\$2,000	\$2,000	0.00%
FUND TRANSFERS					
Transfer to Food Services	\$125,000	\$41,317	\$125,000	\$125,000	
Transfer to Federal Projects	\$90,000	\$0	\$90,000	\$90,000	
Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0	
Transfer to Expendable Trust	\$26,130	\$26,130	\$0	\$0	
Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS	\$256,130	\$82,447	\$230,000	\$215,000	-6.52%
SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUC.)	\$2,162,942	\$1,755,730	\$2,147,590	\$2,047,507	-4.66%
DEBT SERVICE					
Principle	\$83,000	\$80,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	
Bond Interest	\$11,700	\$15,407	\$18,150	\$12,665	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$94,700	\$95,407	\$143,150	\$137,665	-3.83%
SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUCTION PLUS DEBT SERVICE)	\$2,257,642	\$1,851,136	\$2,290,740	\$2,185,172	-4.61%
					55.37%

	Budget Committee's & School Board's				
	BUDGET 2015-16	ACTUAL 2015-16	BUDGET 2016-17	PROPOSED 2017-18	% CHANGE
					% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION					
Salaries	\$124,239	\$119,850	\$135,076	\$141,485	
Benefits	\$49,456	\$59,884	\$79,122	\$88,005	
Vision/Audiology/Purchased Service	\$3,938	\$801	\$3,938	\$3,938	
Supplies/Books/Equipment/Mileage	\$2,000	\$3,869	\$2,000	\$2,100	
Elementary/MS Out-of-District Tuition	\$83,000	\$77,519	\$85,000	\$85,000	
Pre-School Tuition	\$9,000	\$7,408	\$9,000	\$27,500	
Psychology	\$7,700	\$7,762	\$7,700	\$7,980	
Speech	\$48,700	\$55,807	\$50,800	\$50,800	
OT/ PT	\$30,720	\$27,746	\$30,720	\$28,000	
In-house Summer Program	\$2,477	\$0	\$2,478	\$2,513	
Elementary Special Transportation	\$13,500	\$17,865	\$13,500	\$24,200	
TOTAL ELEM. SPEC. INSTRUCT.	\$374,730	\$378,510	\$419,334	\$461,521	10.06%
					11.69%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST	\$2,632,372	\$2,229,647	\$2,710,074	\$2,646,693	-2.34%
					67.06%
HIGH SCHOOL					
REGULAR INSTRUCTION TUITIONS					
Keene High School	\$750,240	\$731,901	\$875,748	\$926,940	
(70 students @ \$13,242 [up from 69])					
TOTAL REG HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS	\$750,240	\$731,901	\$875,748	\$926,940	5.85%
					23.49%

	Budget Committee's & School Board's				
	BUDGET 2015-16	ACTUAL 2015-16	BUDGET 2016-17	PROPOSED 2017-18	% CHANGE
TRANSPORTATION					% TOTAL BUDGET
Regular - Keene High School	\$54,943	\$53,239	\$56,238	\$57,886	
TOTAL REG. HS TRANSPORT.	\$54,943	\$53,239	\$56,238	\$57,886	2.93%
					1.47%
SUBTOTAL (REG. HIGH SCHOOL)	\$930,691	\$785,140	\$931,986	\$984,826	5.67%
					24.95%
SPECIAL INSTRUCTION					
Keene High School Tuition	\$209,040	\$150,683	\$182,910	\$147,255	-19.49%
(7 students @ \$26,130 [down from 8])					3.73%
High School Out-of-District	\$0	\$8,869	\$0	\$0	
Special Instr. Transportation	\$0	\$1,660	\$0	\$0	
TOTAL H.S. SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$209,040	\$161,212	\$182,910	\$147,255	-19.49%
					3.73%
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COSTS	\$1,139,731	\$946,352	\$1,114,896	\$1,132,081	1.54%
					28.68%
ADMINISTRATION					
SAU #29 - Westmoreland Share	\$167,090	\$167,090	\$165,502	\$167,923	1.46%
					4.25%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$3,939,193	\$3,343,089	\$3,990,472	\$3,946,697	-1.10%
					100.00%
GRAND TOTAL	\$3,939,193	\$3,343,089	\$3,990,472	\$3,946,697	-1.10%
					100.00%

**WESTMORELAND
2017-2018 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET
ESTIMATED REVENUES**

REVENUE ACCOUNTS	2016-17 BUDGET	2017-18 PROPOSED	% INCREASE	\$ INCREASE
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$135,904	\$72,000		
Local Property Taxes	\$2,452,825	\$2,510,979	2.37%	\$58,154
Tuition	\$300	\$300		
Transport. Fees	\$1,400	\$1,500		
Interest	\$600	\$600		
Lunch Local	\$55,000	\$55,000		
E-Rate Reimbursement/Other	\$8,400	\$9,300		
N.H. Property Tax	\$388,481	\$367,705	-5.35%	-\$20,776
N.H Adequacy Aid	\$694,350	\$753,598	8.53%	\$59,248
N.H. Building Aid	\$12,150	\$12,150		
N.H. Catastrophic Aid	\$23,062	\$25,065		
N.H. Child Nutrition	\$2,000	\$2,000		
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$18,000	\$18,500		
Federal Funds	\$90,000	\$90,000		
Lunch - Federal	\$28,000	\$28,000		
Transfer to Trust Funds	\$15,000	\$0		
Sale of Bond	\$0	\$0		
Transfer from Trust Funds	\$65,000	\$0		
Prior Year Transfer	\$0	\$0		
TOTALS	\$3,990,472	\$3,946,697	-1.10%	-\$43,775

PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FROM PROPOSED BUDGET
(Local and State School Tax) 1.32% \$37,378

TAX RATE INCREASE FROM PROPOSED BUDGET \$0.2271

TAX IMPACT ON HOUSE ASSESSED FOR \$100,000 \$22.71

WARRANT ARTICLE PROJECTED TAX IMPACT	Total Amount	Total Tax	TAX IMPACT
Warrant Article #2 (School Budget)	\$3,946,697	\$2,878,684	\$0.23
Warrant Article #3 (CBA)	\$15,463	\$15,463	\$0.09
Warrant Article #4 (Roof Replacement from Capital Reserve)	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
Warrant Article #5 (Surplus to Legal Cap. Res. Fund)	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$0.02
Warrant Article #6 (Surplus to Bldg Cap. Res. Fund)	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0.15
TOTAL	\$3,991,060	\$2,923,047	\$0.50
TOTAL BUDGET WITH ALL WARRANT ARTICLES		\$3,991,060	
BUDGET INCREASE WITH ALL ARTICLES		\$588	0.0%
PROPERTY TAX INCREASE WITH ALL WARRANT ARTICLES		2.88%	
TAX RATE INCREASE FROM BUDGET & WARRANT ARTICLES		\$0.4985	
TAX IMPACT ON HOUSE ASSESSED FOR \$100,000		\$49.85	

Historical School Tax Chart		Year	Rate	Total School Tax Dollars	State Ed. Aid	% Tax Change from Previous Year
	2006-07		\$9.47	\$1,881,499	\$601,430	
	2007-08		\$9.99	\$2,002,834	\$631,502	6.45%
	2008-09		\$10.13	\$2,054,100	\$631,502	2.56%
	2009-10		\$10.49	\$2,138,441	\$648,046	4.11%
	2010-11		\$10.92	\$2,234,211	\$614,399	4.48%
	2011-12		\$13.75	\$2,394,596	\$614,400	7.18%
	2012-13		\$13.76	\$2,393,454	\$614,400	-0.05%
	2013-14		\$14.96	\$2,593,715	\$663,552	8.37%
	2014-15		\$14.53	\$2,531,253	\$676,873	-2.41%
	2015-16		\$14.50	\$2,531,444	\$731,023	0.01%
	2016-17		\$17.42	\$2,841,305	\$694,351	12.24%
budget article only		2017-18	\$17.65	\$2,878,684	\$753,598	1.32%
with warrant articles		2017-18	\$17.92	\$2,903,684	\$753,598	2.20%

**DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES
AS A RESULT OF SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUIRED PER RSA 32:11-a

	2014-15 ACTUAL	2015-16 ACTUAL
REVENUE		
State Adequacy Aid for Special Ed.	\$53,994	\$62,859
IDEA Entitlement Grant	\$32,007	\$39,240
Medicaid Reim.	\$17,644	\$18,704
Catastrophic Aid	\$20,964	\$22,551
TOTAL REVENUE	\$124,609	\$143,354
EXPENSE		
Instruction and Services	\$600,189	\$576,925
Transportation	\$16,215	\$19,525
IDEA Entitlement Grant	\$32,007	\$39,240
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$648,411	\$635,690
NET COST	\$523,801	\$492,335

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